

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Jackie Miles and Max Campbell, back yard, Bega



Flower cluster. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Jackie Miles and Max Campbell, back yard, Bega



Leafy stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Jackie Miles and Max Campbell, back yard, Bega



Tuber. Photographers Forest and Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA

Common name

Kudzu

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Moist forests, roadsides, disturbed sites, gardens, and along streams. Few records - Penrith, near Bargo, and Bega.

Notes

Introduced trailing or climbing **perennial** herb with a large edible **tuber**. Stems to 30m long, hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 7-15 cm long, 50-130 mm wide, unlobed to 3-lobed, tips pointed, both surfaces sparsely **appressed**-hairy, upper surface green, lower surface greyish green. Flowers vanilla- or grape-scented. Flowers 12-18 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal purple, blue, or pink with a basal yellow spot, other petals reddish purple. Flowers in clusters of 4-90 flowers. Flowers Summer.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in the Greater Sydney area.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pueraria-lobata> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

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