

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Line drawing, a. flowering branch. MMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Pampas Lily-of-the-valley, Cock's-eggs

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Urban bushland, gardens, roadsides, disturbed sites, and coastal environs. Mainly Sydney area. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb, initially upright, then **scrambling** to creeping, **rhizomatous**, with a woody rootstock. Stems to 3 metres long. Expanded tops of the flower stalks fleshy. Fruit fleshy. Young stems cylindrical, older stems 4-angled. Sparsely to densely hairy throughout. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, often 2 per **node** but not opposite each other, unequal in size, 0.5–5 cm long, 5–35 mm wide, hairy with fine hairs, margins **entire**, tips blunt or rounded. Flowers white or cream, 6–10 mm long, with an urn-shaped tube, with 5 curled back lobes each 1.5–2 mm long. Flowers single, occasionally in pairs, nodding. Fruit white or pale yellow, translucent, elongated to oval, 10–20 mm long. Flowers mostly spring–autumn.

Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description with line drawings: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Salpichroa~origanifolia> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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