

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Bangalow and Lismore



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Bangalow and Lismore

Common name

Scarlet Sage, Tropical Sage

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Woodland, disturbed sites, roadsides, gardens, plantation crops, and near streams Coast and ranges north of Picton.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 1.5 m high. Stems four-angled, hairy with short hairs and long **spreading** hairs. Leaves aromatic when rubbed. Leaves opposite each other, 1.5–6 cm long, 10–50 mm wide, tips pointed to more or less blunt; base squared off or **cordate**; margins scalloped or toothed; lower surface usually densely covered with short hairs, upper surface mostly sparsely hairy. Flowers bright red, rarely pink or white, 15–30 mm long, tubular, 2-lipped, with 5 lobes. Flowers in 3–10 flowered subclusters per pair of **bracts**, the bracts falling early, forming an elongated cluster. Flowering: throughout the year.

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

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