

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, south of Narooma



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Miles

Common name

Blue Pigroot, Striped Rush-leaf

Family

Iridaceae

Where found

Weed of pastures, gardens, roadsides and other disturbed areas. Mainly coastal. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual or **perennial** herb to 0.6 m high, **rhizomatous**. Stem often branched, jointed, flattened to **winged**. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, 5–20 cm long, 1.5–5 mm wide. Flowers white to cream with a purple or blue centre, purple-striped externally, 10–20 mm in diameter, with 6 '**petals**', free from each other almost to the base, **spreading** widely to turned sharply back. Flowers in 1-5-flowered clusters. Flowers mainly spring.

Was *Sisyrinchium iridifolium*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Sisyrinchium~micranthum> (accessed 30 January, 2021)

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