

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Jerrabomberra Wetlands, Canberra, ACT



Leafy stems and fruit. Photographer Don Wood, Grassy Creek crossing, Namadji National Park



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Line drawing. h. fruiting branch. MMBir, M, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Three-flowered Nightshade, Cut-leaf Nightshade

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Grassy areas, disturbed sites, and roadsides. Mostly ACT and tablelands. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb, sprawling to **prostrate**, sometimes **erect**, stems to 1 m long, sometimes rooting at the **nodes**. Fruit fleshy. Stems sparsely hairy with **simple** hairs. Young stems sometimes rough. Leaves sometimes with an offensive odour when rubbed. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 2–10 cm long, 10–25 mm wide or more, sparsely hairy, shallowly to deeply lobed, the lobe margins curved down and thickened, margins toothed. Leaves sometimes **compound**. Flowers white or pale lavender, 5–6 mm in diameter, star-shaped with 5 lobes, in 1–3-flowered clusters. Flowers mostly summer to autumn. Fruit whitish green to green or greenish yellow, marbled, round, 8–12 mm in diameter.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Solanum-triflorum> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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