

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Silvery Inch Plant

## Family

Commelinaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, urban bushland, disturbed sites, roadsides, and near streams. Coastal north of Kiama.

## Notes

**Introduced** creeping **perennial** herb, rooting at the **nodes**, flowering tips turning up. Fleshy. Stems hairless, usually tinged purplish-red. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 2.5–7 cm long, 15–30 mm wide, upper surface with broad silvery green stripes, lower surface purple, margins fringed, bases with a **sheath**, tips pointed. Flowers tubular, the tube 5–9 mm long, with 3 pink to purplish lobes, each about 6 mm long. Flowers in small clusters. Flowers mainly spring–summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tradescantia~zebrina> (accessed 23 March, 2021)

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