

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower clusters. Photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA



Flowers and leafy stem. Photographer Barry Breckling, California, USA



Flowering stems. Photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA

## Common name

A verbena

## Family

Verbenaceae

## Where found

Disturbed sites. Coast and ranges north of Razorback, Sydney area. ACT. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced** herb to 1.5 m high. Stems mostly much-branched from the base, 4-angled in cross section, ribbed on the angles, surface hairless except for a few sparse hairs on and near the **nodes**. Leaves opposite each other, 3–7 cm long, 6–20 mm wide, moderately hairy, margins bluntly toothed. Flowers pale purple to pinkish lilac, with a ring of white hairs in the throat, about 1.5 times as long as the **calyx**; tubular, the tube about 2.5–3 mm long, with 5 lobes. Calyx 4-toothed, different from every other species of *Verbena* in the area covered by this key. Flowers in slender **spikes** at the tops of the stems. Flowers mainly October–March

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Verbena~caracasana> (accessed 10 February, 2021)

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