

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head. Photographer Jackie Mles



Flower head with spent flowers: leaf. Photographer Jackie Mles



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## Common name

A Verbena

## Family

Verbenaceae

## Where found

Grassy areas, disturbed sites, roadsides, and near streams. Coast and ranges north from Moruya. Occasionally on the tablelands.

## Notes

**Introduced** herb to 1.5 m high. Stems much-branched from the base, conspicuously 4-angled in cross section, surface hairless or hairy with short hairs. Leaves opposite each other, 2–10 cm long, 5–30 mm wide, **entire** to deeply **incised** and toothed, surfaces finely rough, upper surface with closely **appressed** stiff hairs, lower surface stiff hairs mainly on the **veins**, tips blunt to pointed. Flowers pale pink, lilac, or bluish-purple, tubular, the tube 2–3 mm long, with 5 lobes. **Calyx** 5-toothed. Flowers in many-flowered branched clusters. Flowers throughout the year, mainly October–January..

*Verbena litoralis* var. *litoralis* in VICFLORA (31 January 2021).

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Verbena-litoralis> (accessed 31 January 2021)

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