

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



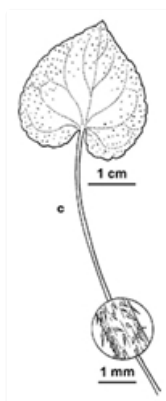
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## Common name

Sweet violet, Common violet

## Family

Violaceae

## Where found

Widely cultivated in gardens, **naturalised** in moist places. Widespread.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb with slender **stolons** and/or **rhizomes**. Stems short and **erect**, sparsely hairy. Leaves basal and **alternating** along the stems, 1.5–7 cm long, 15–70 mm wide, deeply **cordate** at the base, margins finely scalloped, tips blunt, stalks to 0.25 m long, hairy with downward pointing hairs. Flowers fragrant. Flowers deep violet to white, sometimes mauve or pink, with 5 **petals** each usually 12–17 mm long, the lower petal prominently spurred at the base. Flowers single. Flowering: winter-summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Viola-odorata> (accessed 11 February, 2021)

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