

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles, NW of Milton



Flower and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles, north of Batemans Bay



Flowering plant. Photographer Jackie Mles

Common name

Sandstone Violet

Family

Violaceae

Where found

Seasonally moist sites in **forest** and **heath**.

Notes

Perennial herb, sometimes **scrambling, stoloniferous**, to 0.4 m high. Leaves basal, forming **rosettes**, and along the stems, 0.4–1.5 cm long, 5–38 mm wide, usually 1–5 times wider than long, hairless or occasionally hairy with sparsely short hairs, bases usually squared off, margins obscurely toothed. Flowers with 5 pale mauve blue **petals** each 5–8 mm long, the bottom petal with darker **veins** and with a small green blotch at the base, the **lateral** petals twisted to about 90 degrees and usually bent backwards. Flowers single. Flowering: September to November.

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

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