

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Maroochy Regional Botanic Garden, Qld



Flower. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key



Fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key

## Common name

Native Ginger

## Family

Zingiberaceae

## Where found

Rainforest. Coastal north from Wollongong

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 3 m high. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, to 40 cm long, 30–100 mm wide, hairless, with a long, sheathing base, tips drawn out to fine tips, **ligule** usually 10–15 mm long, **entire** or slightly notched. Flowers tubular, the tube about 12–14 mm long, with 3 yellow lobes each about 5–8 mm long (not very noticeable). The petal-like lip white, round, about 10 mm in diameter, shortly 2-lobed. Flower clusters 10–30 cm long. Seed case blue.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Alpinia~caerulea> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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