

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Temora



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Glenbrook Nature Reserve



Fruit and 'leaves'. Photographer Don Wood, Mystery Bay, Eurobodalla National Park



Rhizomes. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Blue Moon Press, unknown place

Common name

Bridal creeper, Florist's smilax

Family

Asparagaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, urban bushland, roadsides, disturbed sites, along streams, and coastal **habitats**. Coast and ranges, especially the Sydney area. Western Slopes. Sporadic elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced climbing herb, or **prostrate**, to 4 m high, arising annually from a **rhizome**. Stems rounded, zigzag, twisted and **wiry**, ridged, hairless. True leaves scale like, 0.2-0.4 cm long, **subtending** the 'leaves'. 'Leaves' **alternating** up the stems, 1-7 cm long, 4-30 mm wide, flattened, hairless, many-veined. Flowers white to greenish white, 5-10 mm in diameter, with 6 '**petals**', single or several flowers together. Flowers Winter to Spring. Fruit green for a long time, eventually turning red, round, 5-10 mm in diameter. Fruits Winter to Summer.

A Weed of National Significance. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in all NSW. Pest plant ACT. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Asparagus~asparagoides> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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