

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Photographer Matthew Herron, Arkansas, USA



Flowering stems. Photographer Marco Schridt, Burkino Faso



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest Key, photographer G Sankowsky

## Common name

None

## Family

Commelinaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, grassy areas, gardens, disturbed sites, and stream banks. Coast, ranges, and eastern edge of the tablelands. Not common.

## Notes

Fleshy **annual** herb to 0.75 m tall, sprawling, rooting at the **nodes**. Stems hairless to rough. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, about 2-3.5 cm long, 7-9 mm wide, surfaces hairless or bristly, tips pointed, base with a **sheath**. Flowers with 3 pale to bright blue '**petals**', the upper two '**petals**' each 4.2-6 mm long, the lower 'petal' often much smaller. Usually 3 **stamens** producing pollen and 2-3 stamens not producing pollen. Flower clusters **subtended** by green **spathes** 5-40 mm long. Lower cluster with 2-4 bisexual flowers, upper cluster with 1 to several male flowers. Flowers spring-autumn.

Description based on that in Australian Tropical **Rainforest** Plants:

[https://apps.lucidcentral.org/rainforest/text/entities/commelina\\_diffusa.htm](https://apps.lucidcentral.org/rainforest/text/entities/commelina_diffusa.htm) (accessed 30 April 2021)

and on the Wikipedia description: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commelina\\_diffusa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commelina_diffusa) (accessed 30 April 2021)

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