

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and stems. Photographer Kwan, Singapore



Stems. Photographer Kwan, Singapore



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Flowering and fruiting stems. Photographer Neville Walsh, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Board

Common name

Australian dodder

Family

Convolvulaceae

Where found

Parasitic on native and naturalized **herbs**, particularly *Polygonum* and *Persicaria*, especially in swampy areas. Sydney area and Blue Mountains north from Buxton.

Notes

Parasitic **annual** twiner, leafless. Stems slender, pale yellow to brown. Leafless. Flowers white, about 2 mm long, tubular, with 5 lobes, the lobes shorter than or equal to the tube. The tips of the flower lobes blunt and never flexed upwards (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Stalks of individual flowers mainly less than 2.5 mm long. Flowers in dense compact clusters to about 7 mm in diameter. Flowers mainly summer.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Always check native vegetation requirements before undertaking control of a weedy native plant.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cuscuta-australis> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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