

## Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, north of Rylstone



Old seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Balranald to Ivanhoe Road



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer G Charles, NSW

### Common name

Fierce Thornapple, Longspine Thornapple

### Family

Solanaceae

### Where found

Weed of wasteland and disturbed areas. Sydney area and Western Slopes. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

### Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to 1 m high, hairless or sparsely hairy. Seed cases with many sharp spines. Leaves **alternating** up the stems. Mature leaves mostly 8–14 cm long, 60–160 mm wide, margins with a few shallow lobes, and usually toothed or wavy, tips pointed, surfaces hairless. Flowers white, 40–60 mm long, tubular, with 5-lobes; the lobes ending in a point 1–2 mm long. Flowers single. Flowers mainly summer. Seed case **erect**, body more or less oval, 2–4 cm long, 2–3 cm diameter, with usually 40–60 stout, sharp, spines, the longest 10–15 mm long.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Datura-ferox> (accessed 4 May 2021)

Online fact sheet published by the South Australian Herbarium:

[http://www.flora.sa.gov.au/efsa/lucid/Solanaceae/Solanaceae%20species/key/Australian%20Solanaceae%20species/Media/Html/Datura\\_ferox.htm](http://www.flora.sa.gov.au/efsa/lucid/Solanaceae/Solanaceae%20species/key/Australian%20Solanaceae%20species/Media/Html/Datura_ferox.htm) (accessed 4 May 2021)

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