

## Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Gundaroo



Flower, seed case, and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, west of Bodalla



Seed case. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Gundaroo



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Yass River

### Common name

Common thornapple, Thorn apple

### Family

Solanaceae

### Where found

Stream banks, roadsides, and disturbed sites. Western Slopes, tablelands, ACT, and Sydney area. Sporadic elsewhere.

### Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to 1.5 m tall. Seed cases with many sharp spines. Plant smells unpleasant. Stems hairless or sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6-36 cm long, 40-200 mm wide, hairless or sparsely hairy, margins coarsely and irregularly toothed or lobed, sometimes wavy, tips pointed. Flowers white or pale mauve, 55-100 mm long, tubular, with five lobes, the lobes ending in a slender point about 10 mm long. Flowers single. Flowers Summer to Autumn. Seed cases oval, 2-4.5 cm long, 1.5-3.5 cm diameter, **erect**; spines 100-200, slender, variable in length, the longest < 2 cm long. Seeds poisonous.

Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Datura-stramonium> (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\\_stramonium.htm](http://www.flora.sa.gov.au/efsa/lucid/Solanaceae/Solanaceae%20species/key/Australian%20Solanaceae%20species/Media/Html/Datura_stramonium.htm) (accessed 4 May 2021)

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