

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, north of Maitland



Leafy stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii



Climber. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, south of Gloucester

Common name

Cat's Claw Creeper, Cat's Claw Trumpet, Funnel Creeper

Family

Bignoniaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, disturbed sites, roadsides, on fences and old buildings, and along streams. Coast and the eastern edge of the ranges north from Milton.

Notes

Introduced woody climber, stems to 30 m or more long. Stems hairless. Leaves opposite each other, **compound**, with the **terminal** leaflet modified into a 3-clawed tendril. Leaflets usually 2 (rarely 1 or 5 in juveniles), 1-8 cm long, 4-30 mm wide, hairless, tips pointed, margins **entire** to obscurely toothed. Flowers yellow, usually with orange lines inside the tube, 40-100 mm long, to 100 mm wide, tubular, with 5 lobes. Flowers single or in small clusters. Flowering: spring to summer.

Weed of National Significance. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions all NSW. Pest plant ACT (as *Macfadyena unguis-cati*). Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Dolichandra~unguis-cati> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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