

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Photographers Bill & Mark Bell, WA



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tweed Heads



Flowering and fruiting stems. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key



Hedge. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tweed Heads

## Common name

Sky Flower

## Family

Verbenaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland, shrubland**, pastures, disturbed sites, waste areas, roadsides, moist or wet areas, and along streams. Coast and ranges north from the Wollongong area.

## Notes

**Introduced shrub** to 7 m high. Fruit fleshy. Often at least some pairs of spines along the stems, one located at the base of each of paired leaf stalks. Branches often drooping or trailing. Young stems sparsely **appressed** hairy. Leaves opposite each other, occasionally in **whorls** of three, 1.5-9 cm long, 12-60 mm wide, almost hairless, margins **entire** or coarsely toothed, tips blunt or pointed. Flowers fragrant. Flowers mauve, blue, or white, occasionally purple, 9-18 mm long, tubular, with 5 lobes. Flowers in many-flowered elongated clusters 5-30 cm long. Flowering mostly summer-autumn. Fruit yellow to orange, round, 5-14 mm in diameter.

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

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