

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Canberra, ACT



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Line drawings. d. flowering branch; segment of seed case (top and bottom view). S Clark, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Paterson's curse, Salvation Jane

Family

Boraginaceae

Where found

Woodland, heath, grassy areas, disturbed sites, and roadsides. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced annual or biennial herb to 1.5 m tall. Stems bristly. Leaves 4-30 cm long, 8-100 mm wide, basal and **alternating** up the stems, hairy, tips pointed or blunt, margins **entire**, often wavy and often slightly hairy, bases **cordate** or loosely stem claspings. Tips on basal leaves blunt, those on stem leaves pointed. Flowers 20-30 mm long, usually purple to blue, rarely pink or white, funnel-shaped, with five lobes, in open **spikes** up the stems, often appearing single. Two long **stamens**, much longer than the flower tube, and three short stamens inside the throat. Flowers Spring to Summer. May cause skin irritation and hay fever.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in the Hunter area, just north of the area covered by this key. Pest plant ACT. Noxious weed Vic.

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

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