

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Showy Willow-herb

Family

Onagraceae

Where found

Stream banks and swamps. Widespread but not on the Western Slopes apart from east of Albury.

Notes

Perennial herb to over 1 m high, often with numerous leafy **stolons** from the base. Stems hairy, sometimes restricted to lines extending down from the leaf bases. Leaves usually opposite each other on the lower stems, **alternating** up the stems in the flowering region, 3–8 cm long, 4–13 mm wide, margins with sparse small teeth. Flowers with 4 purplish pink or white **petals** each 7.5–14 mm long. A conspicuous ring of long hairs inside the **floral tube**. Flowers single. Flowers mainly Oct.–Mar. Seed cases 4.5–9.5 cm long, hairy; on stalks 10–20 mm long

Definite identification of *Epilobium* species requires microscopic examination of the seeds.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Epilobium~pallidiflorum> (accessed 13 January, 2019)

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