

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Yass



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## Common name

Bastards fumitory, Fumitory

## Family

Papaveraceae

## Where found

Disturbed sites and moist areas. Sydney area and the ACT. Widespread elsewhere but not common.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb or climber to 0.75 m tall. Leaves opposite each other and **alternating** up the stems, hairless, deeply **dissected**, appearing **compound**, fern-like, **segments** to 5 mm long and more than 2 mm wide. Flowers 7-13 mm long, with 2 small white or pink **sepals**, one on either side of the flower, and 4 **petals** (white or pink with or without purplish tips) forming 2 lips, in clusters of 15-25, the clusters at least as long as the flower stalk. Seed cases distinctly wrinkled when dry. Flowers all year.

Family was Fumariaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Fumaria-bastardii> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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