

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Bathurst



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RCH Shepherd, Brisbane, Qld



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Common name

Blue Heliotrope

Family

Boraginaceae

Where found

Woodland, grassy areas, roadsides, gardens, other disturbed sites, and along waterways. Sydney area and north, west to Cowra, and south to west of Dapto. Occasionally elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 0.30 m high, sprawling to **prostrate**, 30–200 cm in diameter. Stems very hairy with **simple** and **glandular** hairs. Highly aromatic. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 2–8 cm long, 3–20 mm wide, sticky hairy, margins wavy, tips pointed or blunt. Flowers purple, lilac, blue, or pinkish, with a yellow throat, 4–6 mm long, 3–6 mm in diameter, tubular with 5 lobes. Flowers stalkless on one side of the coiled branched stem when young but the stalk, the stem soon elongating. Flowering: mostly spring–autumn.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Heliotropium~amplexicaule> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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