

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower cluster and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mnerva Hills National Park, near Springsure, QLD



Fruit and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mnerva Hills National Park, near Springsure, QLD

## Common name

Trailing lantana. Creeping lantana

## Family

Verbenaceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, pastures, roadsides, disturbed sites and waste areas, frequently in rocky sites. Mainly Sydney area and north. Rarely farther south.

## Notes

**Shrub**, mostly less than 0.3 m high, sprawling to **prostrate**, sometimes **scrambling**, often forming low dense thickets. Branches about 1 m long, rooting at the **nodes**. Fruit fleshy. Stems square in cross section at first, but becoming more or less cylindrical, rough, more or less hairy, often sticky on young parts, prickles absent. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.8–4 cm long, 5–25 mm wide; upper surface wrinkled and covered with sharp **appressed** rigid bristly hairs, lower surface more or less hairy and with yellow to orange stalkless **glands**, margins toothed, tips more or less pointed. Flowers pink, mauve or purple with a white or yellowish throat, often becoming entirely purple, 8–12 mm long, 4–8 mm in diameter, tubular, with 4–5 lobes. Flower **heads** 1–4 cm diameter. Fruit reddish-purple to purple or purplish black. 4–8 mm in diameter. Flowering most of the year.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

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

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