

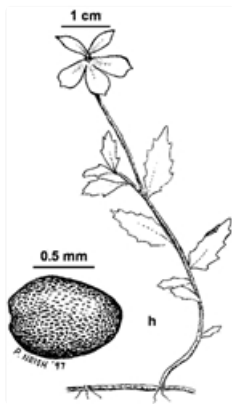
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, north of Bodalla



Backs of leaves. Photographer Andre Messina, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



Line drawings (as *Pratia purpurascens*). h. flowering stem seed. P. Neish, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Whiteroot

## Family

Campanulaceae

## Where found

Shady wet areas in **forest**, **woodland**, **grassland**, and disturbed sites. Widespread.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb, **prostrate** or sprawling to upright. Stems often more than 0.30 m long, sometimes rooting at the **nodes**, sometimes zigzagged, hairless. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 0.4-2.8 cm long, 2.5-12 mm wide, margins toothed, upper surface often hairy with minute hairs, lower surface purplish. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers white tinged pink, pale purplish pink, or bluish to mauve, often purplish on the outside of the tube, 6-12 mm long, tubular, the tube split almost to the base on the upper side, 2-lipped, the upper lip with 2 small narrow lobes, the lower lip with 3 **spreading** lobes. Flowers single. Flowering: October–June.

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Was *Pratia purpurascens*.

Family was Lobeliaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lobelia~purpurascens> (accessed 14 January, 2021)

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