

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Leaves and stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Clifton Springs, Vic



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Common name

Clockweed, Butterfly Bush, Butterfly Flower, White Butterfly

Family

Onagraceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Disturbed sites and roadsides. Mainly Sydney and Canberra. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Perennial herb to about 1.5 m high. Stems numerous, hairy with coarse curved hairs. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems. Basal leaves 4–15 cm long, soon withering. Stem leaves 0.5–9 cm long, 5–15 mm wide, tips pointed, margins minutely and often sparsely toothed, wavy. Flowers white, becoming yellow or pink to red as they age, with 4 **petals** each 8–15 mm long, opening near sunrise. **Sepals** pink. Flowers in **simple** or branched **spikes** to about 80 cm long, 20–30 mm wide. Flowering: summer and autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Oenothera-lindheimeri> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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