

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Japanese Knotweed

## Family

Polygonaceae

## Where found

Occasionally naturalized, particularly near habitations. Coast and Blue Mountains. Occasionally elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

## Notes

**Introduced** herb, **prostrate**. Stems hairy, often brown or pink. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–6 cm long, 7–30 mm wide, often with pink to red bands or blotches, hairy with short scattered hairs, stalks 0–2 mm long, often with a leaf-like outgrowth from the base, **stipular sheath** (ocrea) with numerous hairs, fringing hairs at the top to 1 mm long. Flowers with 4–5 pink '**petals**' 2.5–3.7 mm long, in oval to round dense clusters 5–10 mm long, 5–7 mm in diameter.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Persicaria~capitata> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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