

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower clusters. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Mbruya State Forest west of Mbruya



Base of leaf, stem, and stem sheath. Photographer Jackie Miles

## Common name

Tall knotweed

## Family

Polygonaceae

## Where found

Swampy **forest**, disturbed sites, moist places, and stream banks. Coast, occasionally in the ranges.

## Notes

Herb to 1.2 m high. glandular hairs present on most parts, occasionally **glands** without stalks present too. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–11 cm long, 10–30 mm wide, with stalkless glands and scattered stalked **glandular** hairs on both surfaces, margins hairy, **stipular sheath** (ocrea) with glandular hairs about 0.5 mm long on the upper margin. Flowers with 4–5 pink '**petals**' each 3.0–3.8 mm long. Flower **spikes** cylindrical, dense, 1.8–5 cm long, 5–7 mm in diameter.

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NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10590> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Persicaria~elatior> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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