

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Persicaria elatior



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. Stalked gland-topped hairs present on most parts, occasionally glands without stalks present too. Leaves alternating up the stems, 3–11 cm long, 10–30 mm wide, sticky. 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 diameter.

Vulnerable Australia. Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10590> (accessed 29 January, 2019)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Persicaria~elatior> (accessed 29 January, 2019)

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