

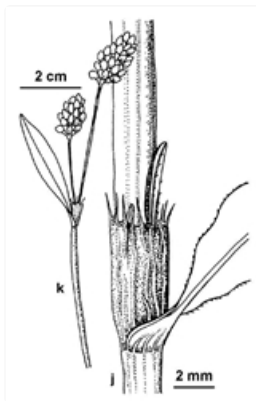
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Mles



Leafy stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



Line drawings. j. portion of stem showing sheath and leaf base; k. flowering stem. EMMayfield, E.M., National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Redshank, Jesus Plant

## Family

Polygonaceae

## Where found

Disturbed sites, roadsides, moist places, and along streams. Ranges, and tablelands. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT. Occasionally in the Sydney area.

## Notes

**Introduced annual**, rarely **perennial**, herb to 0.60 m high or sprawling. Stems more or less hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–15 cm long, 4–25 mm wide, often with a dark purplish blotch about midway on the upper surface, hairy or bristly on the **veins** and margins, sometimes on the surfaces, surfaces slightly warty; **stipular sheath** (ocrea) with fringing hairs 2–3 mm long. Flowers with 4–5 pink to whitish '**petals**', each 2–4 mm long, united at the base for about a third their length. **Spikes** oval to broadly cylindrical, dense, but often interrupted below, 10–30 mm long, 7–10 mm in diameter, more or less **erect**. Flowers Jan.–May.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Persicaria-maculosa> (accessed 30 January, 2021)

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