

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Mies



Flowering stem Photographer Don Wood, Mogo State Forest south of Batemans Bay



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, South East Forests National Park

Common name

Cockspur flower

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Forest, rocky places, and stream banks. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Shrub to 0.7 m high, with a fleshy swollen base to about 3 cm diameter. Stems 4-angled, moderately hairy, sometimes sticky. Stems dying away after flowering. Non-aromatic. Leaves opposite each other, 2–6.5 cm long, 20–40 mm wide, tips blunt to more or less pointed; margins scalloped to blunt-toothed with 4–12 pairs of teeth; lower surface sparsely hairy, hairs denser on the upper surface, occasionally with a few stalkless **glands**. Flowers 6–11 mm long, white or pale blue to violet-blue, tubular, the tube strongly curved, 2-lipped, the lower lip **entire**; the upper lip 3- or 4-lobed. Flowers in elongated clusters. Flowers all year.

Intergrades with *Plectranthus graveolens*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Plectranthus~parviflorus> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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