

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Seven Mile Beach National Park near Berry



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Seven Mile Beach National Park near Berry

Common name

Swedish Ivy

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Coastal north from Ulladulla.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to about 0.25 m high or **prostrate**, rooting at the **nodes**, semi-fleshy. Stems 4-angled, almost hairless to hairy with short minute hairs, usually sticky, with red stalkless **glands**. Leaves pleasantly aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 1.6–4 cm long, 12–40 mm wide, thin-textured, both surfaces more or less hairless to hairy with minute hairs, more densely hairy on the **veins** on the lower surface, with conspicuous red to brown stalkless glands on the lower surface, margins with rounded teeth or shallowly scalloped, with 3–6 pairs of teeth, tips pointed to rounded. Flowers white to pale mauve with a few mauve spots on the upper lip, or freely speckled with purple, about 10 mm long, tubular, the tube slightly curved, 2-lipped, the lower lip **entire**; the upper lip 3- or 4-lobed. Flowers in elongated clusters. Flowering: throughout the year.

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

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