

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bungendore



Plant. Photographer Don Wood, Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve, ACT



Flowering plants. Photographer Jackie Miles



Seeding stem. Photographer Jackie Miles

Common name

Vervain, Wild Sage

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Open **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, and disturbed sites. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 0.7 m tall. Stems four-angled, hairy, often sticky. Leaves aromatic when rubbed. Leaves basal and opposite each other, bases sometimes **cordate**, surfaces hairy to hairless, **gland**-dotted, margins lobed, toothed, or **entire**. Lower leaves 2.5-10 cm long, 15-80 mm wide, upper leaves smaller. Leaf bases squared off or cordate, margins usually irregularly toothed. Flowers more or less fragrant, blue to mauve, pink, or purple, sometimes white, 7-13 mm long, tubular, 2-lipped, with 5 lobes, in clusters of 6-10 flowers up the stem. Flowers all year.

Salvia verbenaca in PlantNET.

PlantNET description (as *Salvia verbenaca*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Salvia-verbenaca> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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