

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flower on stem. Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Miles



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Common name

Fairy fan-flower

Family

Goodeniaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and roadsides, sometimes colonizing bare ground. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.5 m high or sprawling. Stems coarsely with yellowish to yellowish-brownish **appressed** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–9 cm long, 4–31 mm wide, tips blunt or pointed, both surfaces appressed-hairy, margins of at least the lower leaves coarsely toothed. Flowers lilac to bright blue or purple, rarely white or pink, yellowish to white in the throat, 16–25 mm long, tubular, the tube split to the base, with 5 lobes. Flowers in leafy elongated clusters to about 24 cm long. Flowers mainly August–April. Fruit dry, wrinkled, hairy.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Scaevola~aemula> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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