

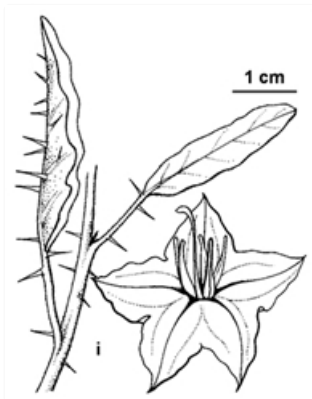
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Keir Morse, California, USA



Flowering and fruiting plant. Photographer Robert Potts, Arizona, USA



Line drawings. i. flower; leaves. MMoir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Silver-leaf Nightshade, Silver-leaved Nightshade

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Weed of pastures, crops and cultivation, roadsides, disturbed sites, and waste areas. Mostly Western Slopes. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 1 m high, often suckering. Prickles 2–5 mm long, reddish, straight, most abundant on stems, less common elsewhere. Fruit fleshy. Stems silvery-green, rarely rusty-green, densely **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mostly 2.5–10 cm long, 10–30 mm wide, both surfaces densely hairy, silvery-green or rarely rusty-green, the lower leaves shallowly lobed or wavy, the upper leaves **entire**. Flowers blue, rarely white, pink or purple, 20–30 mm in diameter, broadly tubular with 5 lobes to star-shaped, in 1–4-flowered clusters. Fruit orange-brown when ripe, 8–14 mm in diameter, almost globular. Flowers spring–autumn.

General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions all NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Solanum~elaeagnifolium> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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