Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kangaroo Valley to Berry Rd



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles



Fruit. Australian Pant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, Brisbane, Qld

Common name

Brazilian Nightshade, Climbing Nightshade

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Weed of **forest**, urban bushland, roadsides, disturbed sites, and near streams. Mostly in the Sydney area and north from there. Sometimes farther south.

Notes

Scrambling shrub or climber to 5 m high, or sprawling. Young stems sparsely hairy, becoming hairless. Fruit fleshy. Leaves alternating up the stems, 4–15 cm long, 30–110 mm wide, margins deeply lobed or compound, surfaces green, hairless except for hairs on the margins. Flowers mauve to blue, purple, or violet, 20–30 mm in diameter, star-shaped, with 5 deeply incised lobes, in 10–50-flowered clusters. Flowering chiefly spring and autumn. Fruit bright red, glossy, 8–12 mm in diameter.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

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

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