

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, near Bodalla



Leafy stems and flower. Photographer Jackie Miles



Line drawings (as *Tradescantia albiflora*). R Barley, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Trad, Wandering Jew, Wandering Trad

Family

Commelinaceae

Where found

Prefers damp and shaded areas, **Forest, woodland**, urban bushland, disturbed sites and gardens, stream banks, ditches, and wet gullies. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb. Stems to 4 m long, rooting at the **nodes, prostrate** or initially prostrate and the stem tips later turning up, often forming dense mats. Somewhat fleshy. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 2.5–6.5 cm long, 10–30 mm wide, hairless, dark green above, green or slightly purplish beneath, bases with a **sheath**, tips pointed. Flowers about 20 mm in diameter, with 3 white petals, the **petals** free from each other. Flowers in clusters of 15–20 flowers. Flowers mainly Spring to Summer.

Was *Tradescantia albiflora*.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tradescantia~fluminensis> (accessed 10 February, 2021)

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