

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



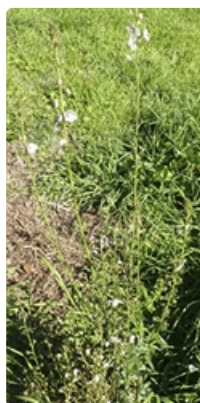
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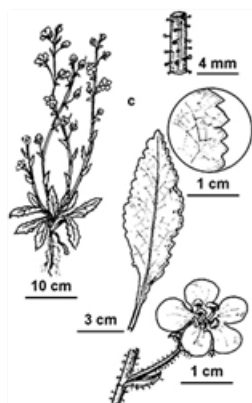
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Common name

Moth Mullein

Family

Scrophulariaceae

Where found

Disturbed ground, roadsides, and pastures. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced erect, mostly unbranched **biennial** herb to 1.2 m high. Stems hairless in the lower parts of the plant, and with stalked or

stalkless **glands** higher up. Leaves form a **rosette** in the first year; and a leafy stem with leaves **alternating** up the stem, crowned by the inflorescence, in the second year. Leaves in the lower parts 8–25 cm long, 20–40 mm wide, margins scalloped and wavy to deeply **dissected**, surfaces hairless. Stem leaves smaller, stem-clasping, grading upwards into leaf-like **bracts** 0.7–0.8 cm long. Flowers pale pink, white or yellow, with purple centres, 25–30 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals** fused at the base. Flowers solitary in the **bract axils**. **Racemes** unbranched or with few branches, 30–60 cm long.

PlantNET description: <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Verbascum~blattaria> (accessed 25 March 2021)

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