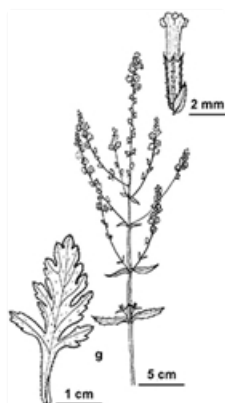


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Line drawings. g, flowering branch; leaf; f, flower. E. Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

A verbena

Family

Verbenaceae

Where found

Pasture and disturbed sites. Widespread, mostly coast and ranges north of Kiama.

Notes

Introduced annual or **perennial** herb to 1.5 m tall. Stems 4-angled in cross section, ridges smooth or finely rough, surface rough hairy and **glandular**. Leaves opposite each other, 1.5-12 cm long, 5-50 mm wide, bristly; margins deeply **incised** to coarsely toothed. Upper leaves smaller than the lower leaves, incised to almost **entire**, tips pointed. Flowers light blue, pale pink, mauve, purple, bluish-purple, or violet, tubular, the tube 3–5 mm long, with 5 lobes. **Calyx** 5-toothed. Flowers in branched clusters, the flowers farther apart on the upper part of the flower stalk, closer together higher up. **Inflorescence** distinctly glandular. Flowers Oct.–Mar.

Verbena officinalis var. *officinalis* in VICFLORA.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Verbena~officinalis> (accessed 15 April 2021)

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