

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Bart Wursten, Zimbabwe.



Line drawings. USDA NRCS PLANTS Database  
*Wetland flora: Field office illustrated guide to plant species*. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

## Common name

Gin Case

## Family

Verbenaceae

## Where found

**Forest** margins, **grassland**, roadsides, wasteland, cultivated areas, and near streams. Sydney area and north. ACT. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 2 m high. Stems 4-angled in cross section, surface smooth, hairy with minute hairs or almost hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 4–10 cm long, about 10–30 mm wide, tips pointed, base slightly **winged**, margins coarsely toothed, surfaces moderately hairy. Flowers bluish-purple, mauve or lilac, tubular, the tube 2–3 mm long, with 5 lobes. **Calyx** 5-toothed. Flowers in open branched clusters with long branches ending in a dense **spike**. Flowers throughout the year.

A possible hybrid between *Verbena litoralis* and *Verbena* *is*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Verbena~x+brasiliensis>  
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