

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Greater Periwinkle, Periwinkle, Blue Periwinkle

## Family

Apocynaceae

## Where found

Urban **forest**, **woodland**, roadsides, gardens, disturbed sites, waste areas, and along streams. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced** trailing or **prostrate perennial** herb to 0.5 m tall, rooting at the **nodes**, forming mats to 10 m or more in diameter. Stems hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 0.5-8 cm long, 10-60 mm wide, tips pointed, bases rounded, squared off or slightly **cordate**, margins fringed, upper surface glossy green in nature, lower surface paler and duller. Leaf stalks 5-12 mm long, with 2 small **glands** on the margins. Flowers 20-60 mm in diameter, blue, mauve, violet, purple, or white, tubular, with 5 lobes. **Sepals** 12-16 mm long, margins fringed. Flowers usually single. Flowers mainly Spring to Summer.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Pest plant ACT.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Vinca~major> (accessed 8 February, 2021)

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