

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant (subsp. *betonicifolia*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Dinner Plain, Vic



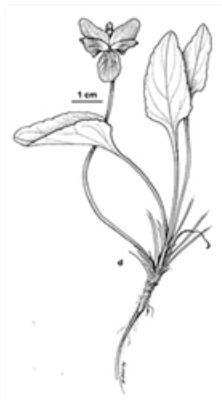
Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, near Ivruya



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT



Flowers and leaves (subsp. *novaguineensis*)  
Photographer Richard Hartland, Bogong High Plains



Line drawing. d. flowering plant. M.Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Native violet, Showy Violet, Mountain Violet

Floodplain Violet (subsp. *novaguineensis*)

## Family

Violaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, grassy areas, alpine **herbfields**, and damp sites. Widespread.

Nearly all records in the area covered by this key are subsp. *betonicifolia*.

One record of subsp. *novaguineensis* from Kosciuszko National Park.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.35 m high. Flowering stems hairless or slightly hairy. Leaves basal, 1–9 cm long, 5–70 mm wide, usually hairless, sometimes purplish on the underside, margins **entire** or shallowly scalloped, leaves with long stalks 1.5–30 cm long. Flowers violet to almost white, the **petals** sometimes golden at the base, with 5 petals each to 20 mm long, the lower petal with a short broad **spur** or pouch at the base, the **lateral** petals hairy within. Flowers single. Flowering: spring to summer.

PlantNET has no reference to the subspecies (accessed 3 May 2021)

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/143c48e9-0c19-451f-9380-94f113705493> (accessed 3 May 2021)

**subsp. betonicifolia:** Not **rhizomatous**. Leaves **erect** to **spreading** from the rootstock; leaf **blades** oval, 1–8 cm long, 5–25 mm wide, margins at least slightly convex, bases wedge-shaped to shallowly **cordate**; leaf stalks 2–15 cm long, narrowly **winged** in the upper third or not winged. Flower stalks usually longer than the leaves.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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**subsp. novaguineensis:** Extensively rhizomatous, but the **rosettes** are often remote from each other. Leaves mostly stiffly erect; leaf blades elongate-triangular, 4–9 cm long, 10–70 mm wide, lateral margins straight or slightly concave, bases squared off, or often almost arrow **head** shaped; leaf stalks 5–30 cm long, prominently winged from near midway. Flower stalks mostly longer than the leaves, rarely to only half as long. Flowers on stalks shorter than the leaves are likely flowers that self-seed without opening, and tend to be produced toward the end of the flowering season.

Rare Vic.

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