

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem (subsp. *vernonii*). Photographer Jackie Miles, Eden



Flowering stems (subsp. *vernonii*). Photographer Don Wood, Booderee National Park, Jervis bay Territory



Flowering stem (subsp. *scaber*). Photographer Jackie Miles

Common name

Erect Violet

Family

Violaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **heath**, and damp depressions. Coast, ranges, eastern edge of the tablelands, and Western Slopes.

Notes

Perennial herb to 1 m high. Stems hairless or rough. Leaves opposite each other, clustered, and **alternating** up the stems, 0.5–4.5 cm long, 0.3–5.5 mm wide, margins curved down. **Sepals** 1.5–5 mm long, green or mauve. Flowers blue-mauve, with 4 small **petals** and one larger lower petal. Lower petal 9–16 mm long, upper petals narrow-oblong, 1-veined, **lateral** petals 1.5–3 mm long, several-veined. Flowers single. Flowering: winter to summer.

subsp. *vernonii*: Stems and leaves hairless, upper leaves **linear**, the lower leaves usually lance **head** shaped, 0.5–4.5 cm long, 1–4 mm wide.

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subsp. *scaber*: Stems and leaves rough, all about the same shape, 0.5–1.5 cm long, 0.3–5.5 mm wide, sometimes the tips sharply 3-pointed.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hybanthus~vernonii> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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