

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Hunter Region Botanic Gardens north of Hexham



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Biamanga National Park north of Bega

## Common name

Ivy-leaved violet

## Family

Violaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, and damp places. Widespread. Rare on the tablelands north of the Hume Highway, and the Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.17 m high, **prostrate, stoloniferous** or **rhizomatous**, hairless to densely hairy. Leaves in clusters along the trailing stems or forming **rosettes**, 0.5–3.5 cm long, 5–50 mm wide, kidney-shaped to semi-circular, margins **entire** to scalloped to wavy and toothed, with long stalks mostly 2–6 cm long. Flowers white with mauve to purple or violet markings, with **5 petals** each 7–10 mm long, the lower petal lacking a **spur**, the two **lateral** petals often hairy within. Flowers single. Flowering: spring-summer.

Hybrids between *Viola hederacea* and *Viola sieberiana* occur with the broader leaves of the former and the smaller, more or less evenly coloured, flowers of the latter.

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

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

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