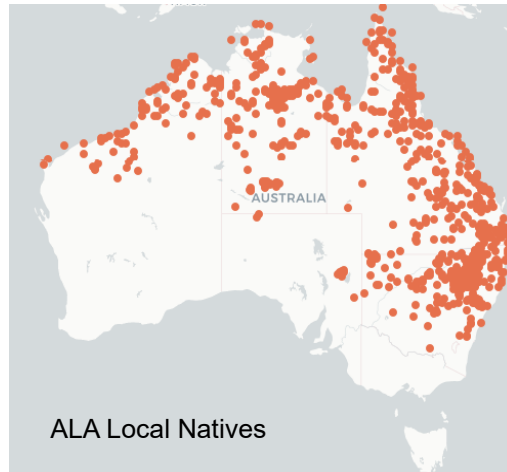
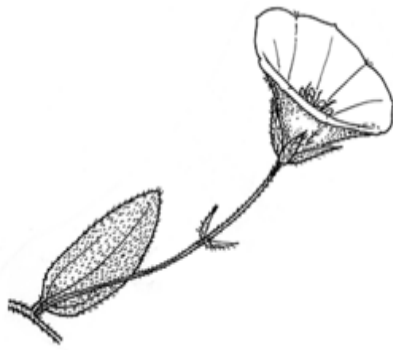


## Convolvulaceae

### *Evolvulus alsinoides* var *decumbens*

tropical speedwell



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#### ETYMOLOGY

(ee-VOLV-yoo-lus) Latin = unroll, not twinning growth; The species *alsinoides* = resembles the genus *Asine*; variety *decumbens* (dee-CUM-bens) prostrate with tip rising

#### LIFEFORM

Herb 15-45 cm

#### STATUS

Widespread common Recorded @ >337 Locations (Moran, A 2009)

#### QLD DISTRICTS

Burke, Cook, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Maranoa, Mitchell, Moreton, North/South Kennedy, Port Curtis, Warrego, Wide Bay

#### OCCURS

Blackdown Tableland, Elliott Heads Qld, NSW, NT, WA (NG, Mal, SE Asia, Pacific Is)

#### HABITAT

Headlands, grassy woodland

#### LEAVES

Alternate, 6-12 mm, dull densely hairy above, paler underside, upper stems reduced in size

#### FLOWERS

Bell-shaped, 10-20 mm, blue or white shaped like those of periwinkle.

**Flowering times** April, May Flowers after rain and mainly spring.

**Fruit** Capsules, 4 mm, smooth globular with four black seeds.

#### FRUIT

#### ROOTS

Rootstock thick carrot-like

#### STEM

Subshrub or herb, with hairy, ascending branches; Erect slender spreading hairy stems;

#### ETHNOBOTANY

Groundcover; Palatable to stock little forage bulk. Whole plant contains *Alkaloid evolveine*

#### BUTTERFLY

*Junonia villida* Meadow Argus

#### INDIGENOUS USES

Stalks/leaves/roots as remedy for dysentery and fever (Pearson 1974); Twigs were used as a tonic; leaves chewed presumably as narcotic.

#### ID FEATURE

Peduncles (flower stalks) longer than the leaves + Flowers 5 petals + 5 sepals axillary.

Styles forked with linear stigmas + mainly shorter than 1 mm hairs on calyx.