

PLANT field guide

Moth Vine Araujia sericifera

Bell-shaped tubular

flowers, white

usually curved

outwards or

backwards.

or pale pink, tips

When to look:

Throughout year; flowers Summer to autumn

Green vine that can climb up to 5 metres. Regarded as a significant environmental weed in New South Wales and Queensland, and a minor environmental weed in Victoria

Similar species:

Moth vine (Araujia sericifera) may occasionally be confused with the weedy tweedia (Oxypetalum caeruleum), the cultivated wax flower (Stephanotis floribunda) and the native common milk vine (Marsdenia rostrata). Keep an eye out for the Moth vine's fine hairs on triangular leaves and choko-like fruits.

Green triangular to Oval leaves 3-11 cm long, 1.5-6cm wide with pointy ends and curling edges. Scattered hairs on upper surface with lower surface smooth with minimal fine hairs

Large green eggshaped fruit, resemble 'chokos'. 6-10cm long, 5-7cm diameter. Become woody and brown when mature.



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