

# *Pratia purpurascens*

## (White Root)

### Description

A small leafy herb and scrambling groundcover.

### Flower and Foliage

Small white to pale purplish pink flowers in summer and autumn. Small green toothed leaves, with purple colouring underneath. Distinctive white succulent roots that spread easily.

### Maintenance

Prune or mow to control. Can become a problem in ornamental/vegetable gardens; so keep away, particularly in Queensland and Northern NSW.

### Occurs

Common on moist sheltered forest floors and will tolerate most soil types.

### Uses

Used in revegetation along riverbanks. Groundcover for most areas and under trees. Plant between stepping stones or crazy paving; along paths, around ponds, rockeries, hanging baskets etc.



Drought  
Tolerant



Frost  
Tolerant



Full Sun



Part Shade



Full Shade

Width  
Spreading  
↔

↑  
Height  
3-15cm  
↓



Image Source: (Left: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nswgrassyeecosystems/3546719247/>;

Right: [http://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/science/Evolutionary\\_Ecology\\_Research/Ecology\\_of\\_Cumberland\\_Plain\\_Woodland/woodland\\_plants/pratia\\_purpurascens](http://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/science/Evolutionary_Ecology_Research/Ecology_of_Cumberland_Plain_Woodland/woodland_plants/pratia_purpurascens))

Plants at the Hawkesbury Community Nursery are grown by Community Nursery Volunteers at 10 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave (next to the Companion Animal Shelter). For more information on the Hawkesbury Community Nursery, please visit [www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) or telephone (02) 4560 4651. Open Wednesdays or by appointment.



Hawkesbury  
Community  
Nursery

