

# Oxypetalum coeruleum

## COMMON NAME

Tweedia, Blue milkweed, Star of the Argentine, Southern star

## SYNONYMS

Tweedia caerulea Oxypetalum caeruleum

## FAMILY

Apocynaceae

## AUTHORITY

Oxypetalum coeruleum (D.Don ex Sweet) Decne.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Scrambling or twining herbaceous to somewhat woody perennial with soft downy leaves and turquoise-blue flowers. Milky sap when broken, may be irritating to skin.

## SIMILAR TAXA

Vegetatively resembles moth vine (*Araujia sericifera*) but the blue flowers immediately distinguish it.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Blue

## YEAR NATURALISED

1988

## ORIGIN

Southern Brazil, Uruguay

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## TAXONOMIC NOTES

Previously in Asclepiadaceae.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/oxypetalum-coeruleum/>

