

**MORNING GLORY***Ipomoea indica***CLIMBERS AND  
GROUND COVERS****Family** Convolvulaceae**Origin** Native to tropical regions

**Description** A perennial species with twining stems forming large blankets over other vegetation<sup>3</sup>. The species invades coastal rainforest and headlands preferring moist areas on the north and central coast of NSW<sup>2</sup>.

**Stems/Leaves** Simple, alternate leaves with entire margins. Base of the leaf is heart shaped<sup>8</sup>. Hairy<sup>8</sup>, twining stems, rarely erect, growing up to 7m long<sup>4</sup>.

**Flowers** Funnel shaped bluish/purple flower. Flowers any time of the year<sup>2</sup>, but mostly the warmer months<sup>8</sup>.

**Fruit/Seed** Fruit not set in Australia<sup>2</sup>. Although seeds are scarce in Australia, the species spreads from existing plants or garden refuse<sup>4</sup>.

**Root system** Stoloniferous<sup>8</sup>.

**Removal techniques**

**Manual** Small infestations of the plant can be hand pulled. The entire plant should be removed including the roots as the stems root at the nodes<sup>2</sup>.

**Chemical** Chemical controls are available. Spray the weed, especially seedlings with glyphosate at a ratio of 1:100. For mature plants scrape the stem, cut stump and apply undiluted glyphosate<sup>22</sup>.

**Similar native species**

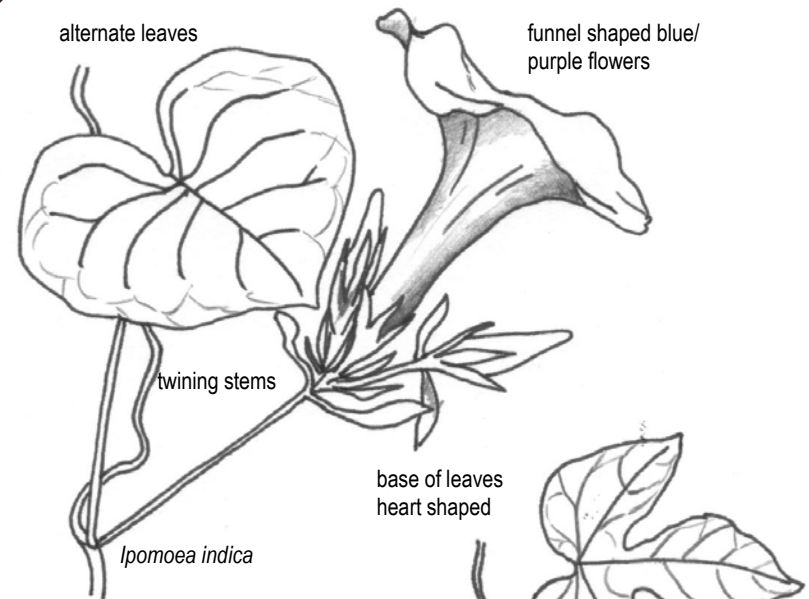
Beach Morning Glory (*Ipomoea brasilienis*): A useful stabiliser of fore-dunes, distinguished by tough leaves that have a notched tip<sup>2</sup>.

**Notes**

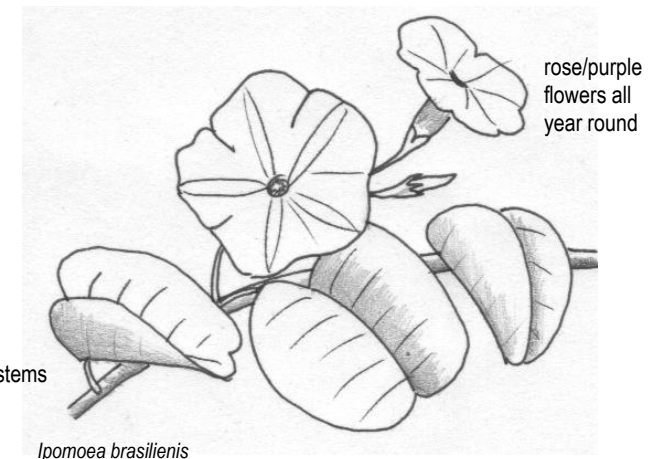
This species does not burn during fire occurrences. When disturbed re-grows at nodes<sup>8</sup>.

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