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

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