

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographers Kin Yan & Joseph Wong, Hong Kong, China



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Flowering plant. Photographer Judy Kleiman, Morphbank Image Depository, Chicago Botanic Garden, USA

## Common name

None

## Family

Caprifoliaceae

## Where found

Garden **escape**. Sydney area and near Picton. Blue Mountains.

## Notes

**Introduced shrub** to 2.5 m high, branches arching or sprawling. Bark light brown, peeling when older. Young stems **wiry**, hairy. Leaves opposite each other, 2–5 cm long, oval with pointed tips, glossy dark green above, often tinged red, paler beneath, turning bronze in autumn and winter, margins shallowly toothed. Flowers white, sometimes tinged light pink, 20 mm long, tubular to bell shaped, with 5 lobes, falling early. **Calyx** pinkish-bronze, remaining at the seeding stage. Flowers in clusters of 3 to 5. Flowering Jan–April.

### *Abelia chinensis* x *Abelia uniflora*

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Abelia~x+grandiflora> (accessed 29 April 2021)

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