

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Rosemary Bleblings, ACT



Fruit. Photographer Kevin Sparrow, near Orford, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, near Potato Point

Common name

Honeypots, Groundberry

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Forest, grassy **woodland**, **heath**, and **shrubland**. Widespread, but only two sightings in the Sydney area.

Notes

Sprawling or **prostrate shrub** to 0.6 m high, forming mats to 1 m diameter. Leaves sharp pointed. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets hairy with fine hairs. Leaves **whorled**, 0.3–1.3 cm long, 0.5–2.5 mm wide, flat, sparsely hairy on both surfaces (at least when young), rarely almost hairless, lower surface with 3–7-prominent parallel **veins** separated by shallow **glaucous** grooves, margins fringed or rough to toothed, tips **mucronate**. Flowers pale green or whitish, sometimes maroon-tinged, tubular, with 5 lobes. Tube 2.2–4.7 mm long; lobes 1.5–2.5 mm long with a fringe of hairs at the tips and with 5 tufts of hairs **spreading** across the throat. Flowers in 5–12 flowered clusters about 2–8 mm long. Flowers on old wood (often below the leafy region). Flowers mainly Jun.–Nov. Fruit greyish green, hairy with fine hairs.

Family was Epacridaceae.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acrotriche~serrulata> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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