

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Bellbird Creek Nature Reserve north of Eden



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Coffs Harbour

Common name

Common aotus

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and other **habitats**. Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m tall. Stems hairy, the hairs often rusty. Leaves in **whorls** of 3 or more, opposite each other, or **alternating** up the stems, 0.2-2 cm long, 1-5 mm wide, hairless to sparsely hairy, upper surface more or less warty, margins curved or rolled down, tips pointed. Flowers 5-10 mm long, pea-shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow, with a reddish or orange blotch at the base of the **standard** petal, in clusters of one to several flowers. Flowers Winter to Spring.

There is a miniature version to 0.15 m tall with leaves about 6 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Aotus~ericoides> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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