

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Namadji National Park, ACT



Shrubs. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Peter Ormay, Aranda, Canberra



Line drawings. e, flowering branch; seed case; leaf upper surface. K Maling, University of Sydney, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

## Common name

Common starhair

## Family

Araliaceae

## Where found

**Forest** and **woodland**, often on rocky or in disturbed situations. Widespread. Rare on the coast, ranges, and Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1.5 m high. Branchlets **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), **felted**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1.3–4.5 cm long, 3–8 mm wide, upper surface rough, granular with the small grains usually evenly distributed, just detectable with a fingernail, and occasionally also with larger rounded conical projections to 0.3 mm high, sometimes the projections confined to near the margins, lower surface with a firm covering of hairs, margins **entire**; tips blunt. Flowers 4–5 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**, creamy-green to white. Purple-flowered populations are known from the mountains in the ACT. Flowers in many-branched clusters, 2.5–15 cm long or more, sometimes forming more than half the height of the plant. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Astrotricha~ledifolia> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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