

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

Berberis, Nepal Barberry

Family

Berberidaceae

Where found

Forest and urban bushland. Mostly between Mittagong, Robertson, and Wingello. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced evergreen shrub to 3 m high. Stems spiny; leaves often with spiny teeth. Fruit fleshy. Stems hairless. Leaves on the main stems reduced to spines, usually deeply divided into 3 spines, each 10–30 mm long. Leaves clustered on short shoots, 2–6.5 cm long, 5–30 mm wide, margins **entire** or with irregular spiny teeth, often with spines at their bases. Flowers yellow, to about 10 mm in diameter, with 6–12 **petals** in 2 or 3 **whorls**. Flowers in elongated clusters 1.5–10 cm long. Fruit bright red, ripening to blue with a waxy bloom, oval to round, 8–11 mm long.

Was *Berberis aristata*.

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

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