Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flow ering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Reserve near Nowra



Flow ering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Otway Ranges, Vic



Flower bud, leaf, and fruit. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic

Common name

Climbing Apple Berry, Apple Berry, Snot Berry, Apple Dumblings, Changeable Flowered Billardiera

Family

Pittosporaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and heath, often in moist sites. Coast, ranges, tablelands, and ACT. Occasional in Kosciuszko National Park and west from Kosciuszko National Park towards Albury.

Notes

Slender, twining shrub. Fruit fleshy. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves alternating up the stems, 1.8–8 cm long, 3–18 mm wide, silky, both surfaces soon becoming hairless, margins wavy. Flowers green-yellow, becoming tinged blue to purple with age, 12–23 mm long, narrow bell-shaped, with 5 petals, free from each other to the base. Flowers mostly single, rarely in 2s or 3s. Flower stalks slender, 12-45 mm long in flower, often longer in fruit, flowers drooping. Flowers spring to summer. Fruit green, hairless, edible.

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=Billardiera~mutabilis (accessed 5 January, 2021)

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