

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



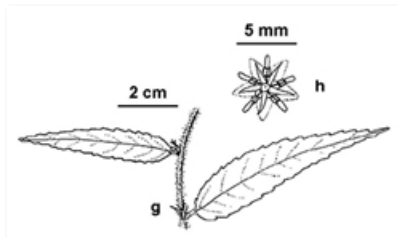
Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens north of Mbruya



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



Shrub. Photographer Rodger Elliot, © 2021 Rodger Elliot, VICFLORA



Line drawings (as *Rulingia dasyphylla*). g. leaves; h. flower. MIVbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Kerrawang

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Rocky sites, wet gullies, and along streams. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m tall. Stems **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, usually 1-7 cm long, 5-30 mm wide, upper surface with medium density to dense white stellate hairs, usually becoming hairless or rough and wrinkly with **impressed veins**, lower surface with dense white stellate hairs, base slightly **cordate**, margins coarsely toothed, sometimes lobed; tips pointed. **Juvenile** leaves often 3-lobed, to 10 cm long, 60 mm wide. Flowers with 5 **petals**, white or pink with reddish markings, each 2-3 mm long, Flowers in few flowered to 10 or more flowered clusters. Flowers Spring to Summer. Often flowers when less than 1 m tall.

Was *Rulingia dasyphylla*.

Family was Sterculiaceae.

Endangered Vic. Listed in the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, Vic

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Commersonia-dasyphylla> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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