

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stem and leafy stem. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway near Batemans Bay

## Common name

Rough guinea flower

## Family

Dilleniaceae

## Where found

**Forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**. Coast, ranges, and eastern edge of the tablelands.

## Notes

Shrub to 0.6 m high, taller if a **scrambling shrub**. Stems hairy with **simple** and **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.28–1.87 cm long, 2–7 mm wide, upper surface hairy becoming hairless, covered with smooth warts; lower surface densely stellate hairy, margins more or less rolled down, tips rounded or squared off to notched. Flowers with 5 yellow **petals** each 3.1–6.2 mm long. **Stamens** 2-9, on one side of the **carpels**. Carpels 2, stellate-hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Flowers in clusters of 1-3 at the tops of the stems, on stalks 1.3-7.4 mm long. Flowers spring-autumn.

Hybridises with **Hibbertia empetrifolia subsp. empetrifolia** in areas where the two species grow together, e.g. at Thirlmere, Picton Lakes, and Green Cape.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hibbertia~aspera> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

Description mainly based on: Toelken, H.R. (1998), Notes on *Hibbertia* (Dilleniaceae) 2. The *H. aspera* - *empetrifolia* complex. Journal of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens 18(2): 126-130, figs 1B, 2F-I, 4A-K

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