

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

A guinea flower

Family

Dilleniaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, rocky slopes, and along streams. Coast and ranges south of Eden.

Notes

Shrub to 0.2 m high, **prostrate** to sprawling. Branches **wiry** or rarely becoming rigid-woody, hairy with long **spreading simple** hairs overtopping short simple or forked and/or **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), rarely with only short stalked stellate hairs. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 0.18–1.04 cm long, 0.8–1.5 mm wide, more or less flat above, upper surface warty and sparsely hairy with simple, usually wart-based, hairs, lower surface with a broad central **vein** tightly wedged between the rolled down margins, sometimes with a row of teeth between the rolled margins and the central vein. Flowers with 5 yellow **petals** each 5–7 mm long, rarely longer. **Stamens** 2–9, usually most of them on one side and 0–2 on the other side of the **carpels**. Carpels 2, occasionally 3, hairy. Outer **calyx** lobes with a well-developed central ridge, the hairs on the outsides moderately dense, simple, spreading, overtopping a few forked and/or stalked stellate hairs. Outsides of the inner calyx lobes with sparser hairs, rarely almost hairless. Flowers single at the tops of the stems, sometimes on side shoots, on stalks 0–6 mm long. Flowering: July–January.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hibbertia~dispar> (accessed 2 October, 2020)

Description mainly based on: Toelken, H.R. (2013), Notes on *Hibbertia* subg. *Hemistemma* (Dilleniaceae) 9. The eastern Australian *H. vestita* group, including *H. pedunculata* and *H. serpyllifolia*. *Journal of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens* 26: 39–41, Fig. 1

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