

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, south of Port Macquarie



Leafy stem. Photographer John Tann, near Byron Bay



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Common name

Swamp hibiscus

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Low swampy areas, sometimes appearing semi-aquatic. Coastal north from Jervis Bay.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Stems hairy and prickly. Leaves **alternating** up the stems. Lower leaves 3–8 cm long, margins **entire** to 3–5-lobed. Upper leaves on the flowering branches greatly reduced. Flowers yellow with a red spot at the base of the **petals**, 30–50 cm long, with 5 petals. Flowers single or forming an elongated cluster.

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

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