

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographer Ben Gooden, north of Nowra



Plant with flower and seed cases. Photographer Jackie Miles near Malua Bay



Plant with spent flower and flower buds. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla National Park, south of Narooma

Common name

Flower-of-an-hour, Bladder ketmia

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Open dry **forest** and **woodland**, disturbed sites, or fringing saline mud flats. Coastal north from Tathra.

Notes

Herb to 1 m tall. Branchlets with **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see) and sparse coarse and fine bristles. Leaves **alternating** up the stems. Mid-stem and upper leaves 3-lobed (rarely unlobed or 5- or 7-lobed), 2-6.5 cm long, 15-45 mm wide, stellate hairy, margins toothed, tips of the lobes pointed or blunt. Flowers with 5 **petals** 19-26 mm long, yellow, the bases faintly flushed pink, sometimes with faint red **striations**.

Was included in **Hibiscus trionum**.

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