

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



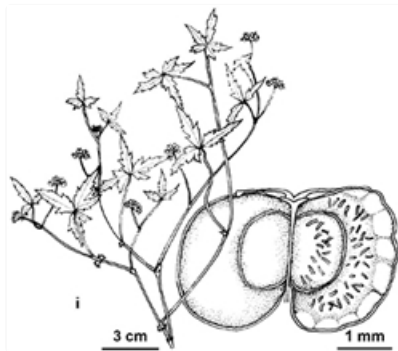
Flower clusters and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Buckenbowra State Forest near Batemans Bay



Leaf and flower cluster. Photographer Jackie Mles



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Common name

Forest pennywort

Family

Araliaceae

Where found

Shaded areas in wet **forest**. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Creeping or climbing **perennial** herb, stems to several metres long, rooting at the **nodes** near the base. Leaves alternating along the stems, 30–100 mm wide, deeply **dissected**, with 3–5 **segments** each 1–6.5 cm long, tips narrowing gradually, **marginal** teeth often bristly; bristly along the **midvein** and the **primary lateral veins** of the upper surface, otherwise hairless, occasionally with a few scattered hairs on lower surface. Leaves sometimes appear **compound**. Flowers small, with 5 white **petals**. Flower clusters usually 15–20-flowered, 4–8 mm in diameter. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

Family was Apiaceae.

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

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