

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Bournda National Park, south of Tathra



Flowering stems. Photographer Ken Harris, Uladulla



Shrub. Photographer <http://nelsonbaynativeplants.net/>, Tomaree Peninsula, Near New castle

Common name

Small rusty petals

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, and disturbed sites. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Shrub to 1 m tall. Stems covered with rusty **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mostly 3-6 cm long, 3-7 mm wide, margins rolled down; upper surface green and sparsely hairy becoming hairless with the **secondary veins** visible but not **impressed**, lower surface grey- to rusty-**tomentose** and with secondary veins mostly obscure. Flowers greenish to cream and hairless inside, whitish-stellate hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see) outside, with 5 '**petals**' about 3 mm long, joined at the base. Flowers in several-flowered clusters. Flowers Spring.

Family was Sterculiaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lasiopetalum~parviflorum> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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