

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer B Gray, near Atherton, Qld



Fruits and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, The Gap, Brisbane, Qld



Fruiting branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RCH Shepherd, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne Vic

## Common name

Mickey Mouse plant

## Family

Ochnaceae

## Where found

**Rainforest**, dry **forest**, roadsides, disturbed sites, and along streams. Coast and ranges, mostly north of Shellharbour.

## Notes

**Introduced shrub** to 3 m tall. Stems rough, hairless, covered in **lenticels**, with circular scars. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2-7 cm long, 6-20 mm wide, hairless, margins toothed, often wavy. stalks variable in length, some leaves almost leaf stalkless, others with stalks up to 13 mm long. Young leaves light green, often have a bronze tinge. Older leaves dark green. Flowers perfumed. Flowers 20-30 mm in diameter, with 5 yellow **petals**, single. Fruits consist of bright red **sepals** with up to 6 fruits, green ripening to black, embedded in them.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ochna~serrulata> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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