

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower cluster. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, unknown place

Common name

Needle geebung

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, **heath**, and roadsides. Ranges and tablelands, north of Mittagong. Occasionally coastal.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark smooth. Young branchlets hairless to sparsely hairy with greyish hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–2.3 cm long, about 0.5 mm wide, almost cylindrical, prominently channelled above, curved, almost hairless to hairless. Flowers with 4 yellow '**petals**' each 8–10 mm long, more or less fused at the base, hairless. Flowers **spreading** to almost **erect**, in 1–80-flowered mostly leafy clusters. Fruit pear-shaped, yellowish-green with brownish-red markings, to 14 mm long and 10 mm in diameter. Flowers Dec.–May.

Hybridises occasionally with *Persoonia levis* and *Persoonia myrtilloides* subsp. *myrtilloides* where they grow together.

Vulnerable Australia. Vulnerable NSW. Protected NSW.

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10591> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Persoonia~acerosa> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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