

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem, male flowers. Photographer Jackie Miles



Female flowers. Photographer Jackie Miles



Fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, Barragoot Lake south of Barragui



Line drawings. c. fruiting branch; leaf detail; seed case; seed. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Scrubby Spurge

Family

Phyllanthaceae

Where found

Forest, heath, rocky slopes, sheltered gullies, and along streams. Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

Notes

Shrub to 2.5 m high. Branchlets hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.9–3.3 cm long, 4–20 mm wide, flat, lower surface paler, **secondary veins** 4–10 per side, tips notched or rounded. Male and female flowers on different plants or on the same plant. Flowers with 6 '**petals**' each 0.9–2.4 mm long, white, yellow or greenish, or the margins whitish. Male flowers in clusters of 1–21, female flowers in clusters of 1–4. Flowers all year. Seed case reddish brown when mature, 3–4.5 mm in diameter.

Family was Euphorbiaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Phyllanthus-gunnii> (accessed 31 January, 2021)

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