

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



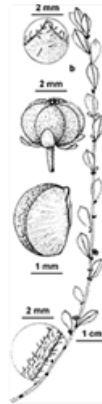
Flowering stems with male flowers. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Park north of Nowra



Fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Photographer Cantrill, D.J., © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



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Common name

Thyme spurge

Family

Phyllanthaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to 1.2 m high, often multistemmed, more or less hairy or rough. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.2–1.2 cm long, 1–7 mm wide, tips blunt, rough to hairy along the margins and **veins**, rarely hairless, **midrib** prominent on the lower surface, tips **mucronate**, squared off or notched, margins more or less flat, or curved or rolled down. Male and female flowers on the same plant or on different plants. Flowers green to yellow, cream, or white, usually with 6 '**petals**' each 1–3.5 mm long. Male flowers 2 or 3 together, female flowers single, occasionally paired. Flowering: all year. Seed case hairy, 2.4–4.2 mm in diameter.

Family was Euphorbiaceae.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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