

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



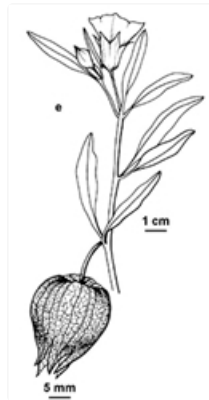
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Flowering and fruiting stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



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Line drawing (as *Physalis viscosa*). e. flowering branch; fruit. M.Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Prairie Ground Cherry, Sticky Cape Gooseberry, Sticky Ground Cherry

## Family

Solanaceae

## Where found

Weed of pastures, crops, and roadsides. Western Slopes. ACT.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 0.6 m high, **rhizomatous**. Fruit fleshy. Stems sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, the lower leaves to about 5 cm long and 30 mm wide, upper leaves often 2 per **node** and almost opposite each other, to 3 cm long and 1 cm wide. Tips pointed, bases wedge-shaped, margins toothed or wavy, sometimes **entire**. Flowers pale yellow, often with conspicuous olive-yellow blotches towards the base of the lobes, 11–15 mm long, with a short tube and 5 **spreading** lobes, or 5-angled. Flowers single in the leaf-**axils** and the forks of the stems. Flowering: summer–autumn. Fruit 10–15 mm in diameter. Fruiting **calyx** enclosing the fruit papery, dull yellow-green, drying to pale brown or straw-coloured, 10-angled, usually 15–20 mm long.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in the Murray and Riverina areas, NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

Was *Physalis viscosa*.

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

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