

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



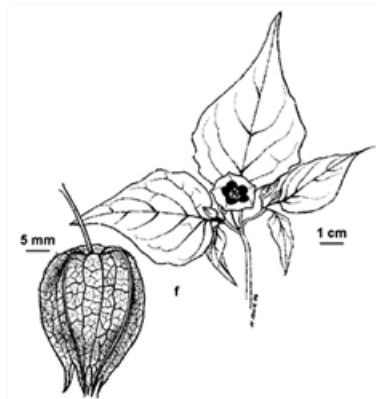
Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Nadgee south of Eden



Stem with green fruits. Photographer Jackie Miles



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Line drawings f. flowering branch; fruit. M.Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Cape gooseberry

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Roadsides and other disturbed sites. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Introduced short-lived **shrub** to 1 m high, densely hairy with **glandular** or **simple** hairs. Fruit fleshy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2 per **node**, but not opposite each other, to 13 cm long and 40 mm wide, bases **cordate**, margins **entire** or shallowly toothed. Flowers dull yellow, with distinct purple-brown spots in the throat, 10–15 mm long, 5-angled. Flowering: mainly spring to summer. Fruit yellow to orange, 10–20 mm in diameter, aromatic, edible. Flowers single in the leaf-**axils** and the forks of the stems. Fruiting **calyx** enclosing the fruit papery, pale yellow-green to gold, drying to pale brown, 10-angled, 27–40 mm long.

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

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