Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

None

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Dry forest and woodland on rocky hillsides. Blue Mountains National Park to the Wombeyan area..

Notes

Shrub to about 2 m high. Prickles sparse on the branches and leaves, sometimes on the calyx. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets very densely stellate-hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves alternating up the stems, 2.9–5.5 cm long, 6–13 mm wide, stellate-hairy, upper surface grey-green, lower surface yellowish-white, margins usually wavy, occasionally entire.

Juvenile leaves 3.5–6 cm long, shallowly to deeply lobed. Flowers purple with orange stamens, 15–32 mm in diameter, tubular, with a short tube and 5 spreading lobes, often star-shaped. Flowers in 1–4-flowered clusters. Flowers August-December. Fruit green, globular, 13-16 mm in diameter.

Endangered NSW. Provisions of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile with photos: http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10760 (accessed 8 January 2021)

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Solanum~armourense (accessed 8 January 2021)

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