

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographer Ian McMaster, east of Mudgee



Fruit and leafy stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT.

Common name

A nightshade

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Forest. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands, north from Wollongong.

Notes

Short-lived **shrub** to 1 m high. Prickles abundant on all parts except the **petals**. Fruit fleshy. Hairy with **stellate** and **simple glandular** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mostly 8–13 cm long, 50–90 mm wide, stellate-hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), margins lobed. Upper flowers sometimes male. Flowers lavender-purple, 14–20 mm in diameter, with a deeply bell-shaped tube and 5 lobes. Flowers in 4–10-flowered clusters. Flowering: throughout the year. Fruit green at first, yellow at maturity, drying brown to black, half enclosed in the **calyx**, 20–25 mm in diameter.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Solanum~campanulatum> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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