

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Stony Creek Nature Reserve, ACT



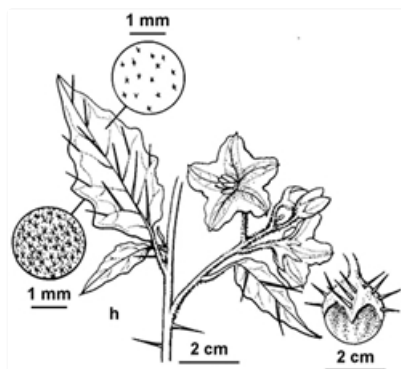
Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Mt Tennent, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Ripe fruit and leaves. Photographer Waltraud Pix, Majura, ACT



Flowering shrub. Photographer FranM, Canberra, ACT.



Line drawings. h. flowering branch; fruit; leaf surface detail. MMoir, M., National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Narrawa burr

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassy areas, disturbed sites, often after fire, rocky areas, and stream banks. Western Slopes. ACT and Queanbeyan. Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 1 m high. Stems densely hairy with **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), and often minute **glandular** hairs, becoming hairless with age. Yellow to orange prickles to 15 mm long often abundant on most parts, including the stems, leaves, and

calyces. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2.5-14 cm long, 10–60 mm wide, lobed to **dissected**, with wavy margins, upper surface green and sparsely hairy, lower surface white or grey to pale yellow and densely stellate hairy. Flowers usually bisexual, upper flowers sometimes male. Flowers mauve-purple to blue, occasionally white, 15–35 mm in diameter, with a short wide tube and 5 lobes. **Calyx** lobes often **linear**. Flowers in 2–7-flowered clusters. Flowering: All year. Fruit fleshy, globular, 10–25 mm in diameter, pale green, often streaked or mottled white, or greenish-white; orange when mature, drying dark brown. Fruit poisonous.

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

Data deficient Vic. Possibly **naturalised** in Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Solanum~cinereum> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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