

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Young fruit and leaves. Photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, ACT



Line drawing. b. flowering branch. MMBir, M, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Quena

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Woodland, shrubland, grassy areas, disturbed sites, and along seasonal watercourses. Western Slopes.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.3 m tall, sometimes forming dense patches. Usually has no prickles, some plants having a few prickles towards the base of the plant. Stems densely **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2-8 cm long, 4-30 mm wide, grey-green, stellate hairy, tips pointed or blunt, margins **entire** or slightly wavy. Lower leaves with lobed and wavy margins, upper leaves entire or the margins scarcely lobed. Flowers purple to mauve, sometimes white, 15–25 mm in diameter, broadly tubular with 5 lobes or star-shaped, in open clusters of 2-6 flowers. Ripe fruit yellow to yellow brown, not fleshy.

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

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