

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer John Hilty, Illinois, USA



Fruit. Photographer Oscar Zavalza Pulido, Mexico.



Young plant. Photographer phenglim, unknown place

Common name

Tomato

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Disturbed sites, gardens, rocky areas, and along streams. Coastal. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced annual or short-lived **perennial** herb to 1.5 m high or sprawling. Fruit fleshy. Stems often densely hairy, sticky, green, occasionally purplish. Aromatic. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, to 30 cm long and 100 mm wide, margins usually deeply lobed to **compound**, sometimes **entire**, lower surface densely hairy. Flowers yellow, to 25 mm in diameter, star-shaped, with 5 narrow lobes which are often curved backwards. Flowers usually in 3–7-flowered clusters. Flowers late spring–autumn. Fruit red at maturity, round or almost round, 10–20 mm in diameter. Edible.

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

Wikipedia description: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tomato> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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