

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



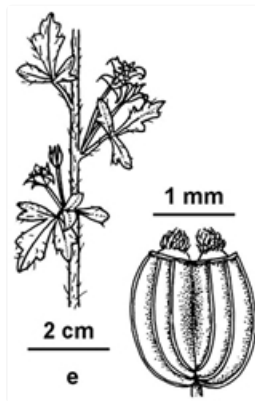
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Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, near Mbruya



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## Common name

Woolly xanthosia

## Family

Apiaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland, heath**, rocky sites, and along streams. Coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 0.65 m high, sometimes **scrambling**. Stems hairy with much-branched hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), or sometimes nearly hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, variable in size and shape even on the same plant, 3–7-lobed, 0.4–5.5 cm long, 5–55 mm wide, sometimes **compound** with 3 leaflets each 0.3–5 cm long, 1–30 mm wide, densely hairy to more or less hairless, upper surface dark green and hairy, lower surface whitish or often brownish **tomentose**, the lobes often with a tuft of hairs at the tip. Individual flowers with 5 white to pale green **petals** each 1–1.4 mm long, and 5 pale green **sepals** 1–1.6 mm long. Flower clusters usually 1–20-flowered, looking like individual flowers. 2–3 **bracteoles** below each cluster, petal-like, white to yellow or yellow-green, turning reddish, 3–10 mm long. Flower clusters often paired. Flowers most of the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Xanthosia-pilosa> (accessed 8 February, 2021)

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