

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



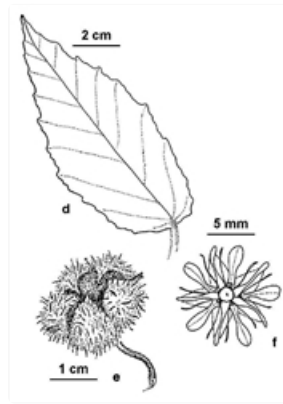
Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, near Bega



Backs of leaves. Photographer Neville Walsh, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



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Line drawings (as *Commersonia sp. 1*). d. leaf; e. fruit; f. flower. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Southern brush kurrajong

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Forest, shrubland, and along streams. Coast and ranges south from Gulaga National Park, north of Bermagui.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 10 m tall, **rhizomatous**. Stems with long fawn or golden to rusty brown **stellate** hairs about 1 mm long (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). **Lenticels** prominent. Older stems almost hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5-31 cm long, 20-260 mm wide, upper surface with scattered hairs, lower surface grey or greenish white stellate hairy, margins irregularly toothed or lobed, tips with a long point. Flowers white or cream, sometimes pinkish, 9-12 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals** and 5 **staminodes** that look like petals. Flowers in branched clusters of 10-60 flowers. Flowers Aug.–Oct.

Family was Sterculiaceae.

Vulnerable Vic.

Difficult to distinguish from *Androcalva fraseri* in southern NSW. It has larger leaves and larger stellate hairs on the branchlets, leaves, and flower clusters.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/0c9d0676-acf8-4625-9584-f95700fdd30b> (accessed 6 February 2021)

Description partly based on that in the paper below.

Guymer, G.P., (2005) New species of *Commersonia* J.R.Forst. & G.Forst. (Sterculiaceae) from Eastern Australia and Vanuatu. *Austrobaileya* 7(1): 238-239

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