

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering plant. Photographer Russell Best, Baw Baw National Park, Vic



Leafy stem Photographer Jackie Miles

## Common name

Small Shade-nettle

## Family

Urticaceae

## Where found

Moist shady situations in **forest**, and moist gullies. Widespread south of the Hume Highway. No coastal records.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb, **erect** to **prostrate**, to 0.2 m high. Young stems slightly hairy to hairy. Stems sometimes reddish. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, margins scalloped. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Male flowers 2-lipped, about 2 mm in diameter; in stalked clusters of 1-5. Female flowers about 1–1.5 mm long, urn-shaped, obscurely 5-toothed, stalkless, in clusters of 1–20. Flowers sometimes in mixed clusters of male and female flowers. Flowers Spring-Summer.

**subsp. muelleri**: Mature leaves 1.5–6.0 cm long, 10-35 mm wide, always longer than broad, with 4–6 (rarely 3) teeth on each side.

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

**subsp. pusilla**: Leaves to 1.5 cm long, 16 mm wide, about as long as broad, with 2–3 (rarely 1 or 4) teeth on each side

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description (*Australina pusilla*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Australina~pusilla> (accessed 11 January, 2021)

VICFLORA description with key to subspecies: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/c9e215b3-0e37-4922-8b5b-c4881b8f55b2> (accessed 11 January, 2021)

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