

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Common Barberry, Barberry

## Family

Berberidaceae

## Where found

Weed. Southern Highlands mainly between Mittagong and Bundanoon. Kosciuszko National Park. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced deciduous shrub** to 2.5 m high. Leaves on the main stems reduced to spines, usually deeply divided into 3 spines, each 10–25 mm long. Fruit fleshy. Stems hairless. Leaves clustered on short shoots, 2–6 cm long, 8–25 mm wide, margins toothed with numerous bristly teeth. Flowers yellow, about 5 mm in diameter, with 6-12 **petals** in 2 or 3 **whorls**. Flowers in many-flowered clusters 5–7 cm long. Fruit bright red, oblong to oval, 9–12 mm long, edible.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?>

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