

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems (male flowers) (subsp. *cunninghamii*). Photographer Don Wood, Bungonia State Conservation Area near Goulburn



Flowering branch (female flowers) (subsp. *pubiramula*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Hawatha State Forest north of West Wyalong



Shrub (subsp. *pubiramula*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Hawatha State Forest north of West Wyalong

## Common name

Gooma bush, Wallaby bush

## Family

Euphorbiaceae

## Where found

Forest, mallee, woodland, and stream banks.

subsp. *cunninghamii*: Bungonia State Conservation Area.

subsp. *pubiramula*: Western Slopes near West Wyalong.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m high, more or less hairless. Branches slender, more or less sticky. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–2 cm long, about 1 mm wide, margins strongly rolled down. Male and female flowers on different plants or on the same plant. Flowers with 4–5 '**petals**' 2–3 mm long. '**Petals**' of female flowers not enlarging under the seed cases. Flowers on very short stalks. Flowering: most of the year.

PlantNET description of species: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Bertya-cunninghamii> (accessed 5 January, 2021)

subsp. *cunninghamii*: Branchlets hairless.

subsp. *pubiramula*: Branchlets sparsely **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

Identification key to subspecies in: Halford, D.A. & Henderson, R.J.F. (2002), Studies in Euphorbiaceae A.L.Juss. sens. lat. 3. A revision of *Bertya* Planch. (Ricinocarpeae Mull.Arg., Bertyinae Mull.Arg.). *Austrobaileya* 6(2): 197

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