

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Line drawings. e. flowering branch; male flower; seed case. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Mountain bertya

Family

Euphorbiaceae

Where found

Wet **forest**, gullies, and stream banks. Kosciuszko National Park and nearby.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m high. Branchlets densely hairy with yellowish brown **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), becoming hairless but remaining minutely warty from the persistent hair bases. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–7 cm long, mostly 4–9 mm wide, upper surface dark green and hairless, lower surface paler with a **velvety** covering of stellate hairs, margins flat to curved down. Male and female flowers on different plants or on the same plant. Flowers with 4–5 '**petals**' each 3–4.6 mm long. Flowers single, rarely in 2s or 3s. Flowering: summer.

Vulnerable Vic.

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

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