

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, M Baw Baw, Vic



Leafy stems with fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Peter Ollerenshaw, Tas



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Common name

Purple Appleberry

Family

Pittosporaceae

Where found

Forest and moist sites, particularly along streams and in gullies. ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park. Tablelands and ranges south of Cooma. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Perennial twiner, sometimes **scrambling**, stems to several metres long. Stems densely hairy when young, becoming hairless and shining brown, **lenticels** prominent. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–7 cm long, 2–10 mm wide, upper surface glossy green, lower surface pale green, margins slightly down-turned. **Juvenile** leaves 1–2 cm long, with three lobes, **adult** leaves not lobed. Flowers white, or green to yellow, becoming darker yellow with age, rarely tinged red or purple, tips of the lobes sometimes tinged or spotted dark blue at the margins, 17–40 mm long, tubular, with 5 lobes not or hardly **spreading**, splitting to the base at maturity or remaining fused only about the middle. Flowers single, occasionally paired or in small clusters, drooping. Flowers Spring-Summer. Fruit pulp dryish when ripe. Fruit purple, shiny, oval to cylindrical, 18–25 mm long.

Was *Billardiera longiflora*.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Billardiera~macrantha> (accessed 5 January 2020)

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