

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographer Andrew Knop,  
30km SSW of Dubbo

## Common name

None

## Family

Malvaceae

## Where found

**Woodland** and **heath**, in rocky areas. Coast and ranges south from west of Moruya.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m tall, sometimes sprawling. Stems with dense **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see) above **simple** hairs, slightly sticky. Leaves **alternating** up the stems. **Juvenile** leaves with 3 conspicuous lobes, 4.5-11 cm long, 20-83 mm wide. **Adult** leaves **entire**, 0.8-2.41 cm long, 1-7.5 mm wide, upper surface slightly wrinkly and with dense white stellate hairs above smaller hairs and medium density orange-red tipped **glands**, lower surface with dense to **tomentose** white or white with tan-centred stellate hairs, above dense smaller, white, stellate hairs, margins irregularly toothed and curved down; tips blunt. Flowers with 5 **petals**, pink to white with a pale yellow base, each 2.3-3.4 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 4-16 flowers. Flowers Spring.

Family was Sterculiaceae.

Endangered Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Commersonia-brevisetata> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

Description above partly from Wilkins, C.F., Copeland, L.M. & Whitlock, B.A., (2008) Two new species of *Commersonia* (Malvaceae sensu lato) from south-eastern Australia. *Telopea* 12(1): 65-69, Figs 3, 4 (map)

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