

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering seedlings. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Reserve near Nowra



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Wrinkled kerrawang

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Wet **heath**, cliffs, wet rock ledges, and gullies. Coast and ranges north from Ulladulla. Rarely farther south.

Notes

Shrub, prostrate or trailing, stems to 1m long. Stems **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** along the stems, mostly 0.5-2 cm long, 4-15 mm wide, upper surface strongly wrinkled, hairless or with stellate hairs towards the margins, lower surface densely **tomentose**, with white or white with brown-centred stellate hairs above dense smaller white stellate hairs, margins irregularly scalloped and curved down; tips blunt. **Juvenile** leaves sometimes larger and lobed, to 4 cm long. Flowers with 5 **petals**, white to pink, each about 2 mm long, in few flowered clusters. Sometimes flowers as a seedling. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Was *Rulingia hermanniifolia*.

Family was Sterculiaceae.

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

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