

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



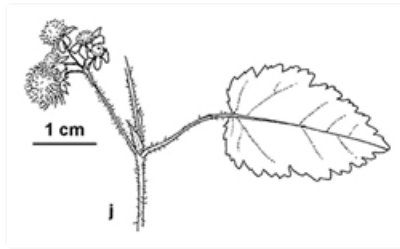
Flowers and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles, near Nerriga



Flowers, spent flowers, and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles, near Nerriga



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Line drawings (as *Rulingia prostrata*). j. leaf and flower cluster. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Dwarf kerrawang

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, grassy **woodland**, **shrubland**, disturbed sites, swamp margins, and **ephemeral** wetlands. Between east of Bungendore and near Picton.

Notes

Prostrate shrub to 0.05 m tall, forming mats to more than 1 m in diameter. Stems sparsely **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 1-6 cm long, 5-25 mm wide, upper surface mainly smooth or scarcely wrinkly, almost hairless with scattered, stiff, stellate hairs above smaller stellate hairs, lower surface with medium dense to **tomentose** white stellate hairs above smaller stellate hairs, margins irregularly toothed with small teeth, scarcely or strongly curved down; tips pointed. **Juvenile** leaves scarcely 3-lobed. Flowers with 5 **petals**, white, turning pale pink with age, each 1.5-3 mm long, in clusters of 3 to many flowers. Flowers Spring.

Was *Rulingia prostrata*.

Family was Sterculiaceae.

Endangered Australia. Endangered NSW. Provisions of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

Endangered Vic. Listed in the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, Vic.

NSW Threatened Species profile with photos: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10736> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf1&lvl=sp&name=Commersonia-prostrata> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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