

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, Mt Stirling, ?Vic



Stems with male flowers. Photographer Don Wood, Tobinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT



Female flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, Mt Stirling, ?Vic



Fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, Yambulla State Forest SE of Bombala

Common name

Rough coprosma, Coffee-berry, Currant bush

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, shrubland, rocky outcrops, and damp sites, at higher altitudes. Widespread, but not coastal.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m tall. Fruit fleshy. Stems angled to square, hairless or rough. Leaves opposite each other, 1-7 cm long, 7-25 mm wide, glossy, rough, hairless, or the upper surface and margins rough, margins often curved down, bases with sheathing **stipules**, tips pointed, or blunt and often with a small point. Male and female flowers on different plants or on the same plant. Flowers with 4-6 lobes, cream or green to pinkish. Male flowers 8-12 mm in diameter, bell shaped, in dense many-flowered clusters. Female flowers 10-12 mm in diameter, with a short tube, in clusters of 3. Flowers Spring to Summer. Fruit orange to cherry red or brownish, round to oval, 8-10 mm in diameter. Fruits Summer to Autumn.

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=Coprosma~hirtella> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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