

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Kangaroo Valley and Berry



Fruit and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Adelaide Botanic Gardens, SA



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens, north of Mbruya



Plant. Photographer Mark Matrathon, west of Yeppoon, Qld

Common name

Shrubby Deeringia

Family

Amaranthaceae

Where found

Forest and wet gullies. Coast and ranges. Occasionally on the eastern part of the tablelands.

Notes

Climber to 4 m high, or sometimes a small **shrub**, often flowering when quite small. Fruit fleshy. Young stems often rusty hairy, older stems usually hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5–25 cm long, mostly 10–60 mm wide, soft, upper surface dark green and somewhat dull, lower surface paler and somewhat glossy, margins finely toothed or **entire**, tips pointed. Flowers greenish or white, turning pinkish to red, with 5 '**petals**' each 1.5–2 mm long. Flowers in interrupted **spikes** to 25 cm long or in loose branched clusters. Fruit red, almost round, 4–5 mm in diameter. Seeds black. Flowers most of the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Deeringia-amaranthoides> (accessed 9 January, 2021)

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