

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Barfold, Vic



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Namadji National Park, ACT



Branches with spent flowers and seed cases. Photographer Neville Walsh, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Board



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer R Hotchkiss, unknown place

Common name

Australian anchor plant, Hairy anchor plant

Family

Rhamnaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**, rocky situations, and near streams. Western edge of the ranges, tablelands, ACT, and Western Slopes.

Notes

Shrub to 2.5 m tall. Branches with paired spines 10–50 mm long. Stems hairy to hairless. Leaves opposite each other, often falling early, 3–15 mm long, to 3 mm wide, tips blunt or minutely **mucronate** within an **apical** notch, margins with minute teeth, surfaces hairless or a few hairs present near the tips. Flowers about 3–5 mm in diameter, bell-shaped, with 4–5 white **spreading sepals**, single or clustered in groups of up to 50 at the base of spines. **Petals** about 1 mm long, weakly hooding the **stamens**. Flowers Spring.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Discaria~pubescens> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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