

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers and leaves. Photographer A.J. Brown, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



Flowering stems (male). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Bredbo, north of Cooma



Branches with seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Michelago, east of the ACT



Line drawing. g. leaves and seed cases. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Creeping Hop-bush, Trailing hop-bush

Family

Sapindaceae

Where found

Open **forest**, **woodland**, **grassland**, roadsides, and bare patches. Tablelands south of Goulburn.

Notes

Prostrate shrub to 0.1 m tall and to 1.5 m diameter. Branches angular or flattened, sometimes weakly ribbed, hairy with minute hairs, often rooting at the **nodes**. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 0.8–3 cm long, 4–9 mm wide, wedge-shaped, glossy, margins rolled down, tips usually with 1–4 teeth. Male and female flowers on different plants, or male and bisexual flowers on some plants, and female and bisexual flowers on others. Flowers with 0 **petals**, and 4–7 yellow, orange, red or pink **sepals** 2–3 mm long, falling early. Flowers single or paired. Flowers Spring. Seed case 3–4 **winged**, reddish, 10–13 mm long, 8–10.5 mm wide, hairless; **wings** about 0.5 mm wide.

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NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10246> (accessed 5 January, 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Dodonaea~procumbens> (accessed 5 January, 2021)

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