

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Nuytsia @ Tas, Tas



Leafy stems. Photographer M. Casanova, © 2021
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Common name

A sundew

Family

Droseraceae

Where found

Woodland, heath, moist sites, and moist gullies in forested areas. Widespread. It is likely that, as in Victoria, many records previously identified as *Drosera peltata* are actually of *Drosera hookeri*.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.4 m high, **rhizomatous**. Stem hairless, short and robust, unbranched or sometimes branching towards the top or at the base. Leaves in a flat basal **rosette** and **alternating** up the stems, often in groups of 2–6 higher up the stem, upper surface covered with **glandular** hairs that trap insects. Basal leaves 2–11 mm in diameter, elliptic to kidney-shaped or hatchet-shaped, not **peltate**. Stem leaves 0.4–2 cm long, 2–10 mm wide, almost round to crescent-shaped, peltate. Flowers with 5 white or pink **petals** each 3–7 mm long. **Sepals** moderately to densely hairy, rarely hairless except for the fringed margins. Flowers in 1–10-flowered clusters, usually on one side of the stem. Flowers Aug.–Jan.

Previously included in *Drosera peltata*. Often difficult to distinguish from *Drosera peltata*, a more slender plant, the basal leaves of which turn red. Microscopic examination of the seeds may be needed.

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

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/e2207d18-2671-4d62-b5ed-9245f2cfdcb4> (accessed 14 April 2021)

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