

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



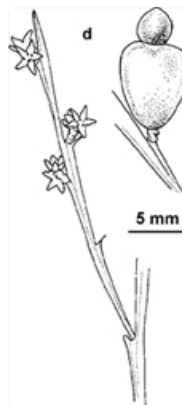
Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



Stems and immature and mature fruit. Photographer John Bundock, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Fruiting stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



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Common name

Dwarf cherry, Pale ballart, Pale-fruit ballart

Family

Santalaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, along streams, and gullies. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m tall. Branchlets angular, sometimes grooved, more or less hairy at first, later hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, scale-like, 0.05-0.3 cm long, tips with long points, shed early. Flowers about 1 mm long, 1-2 mm in diameter, with 4-5 yellow-green '**petals**', in clusters usually of 2-6 flowers. Flowers all year. fleshy stalk of the nut whitish to pinky mauve, or red to purple. Edible but not not palatable. Fruits all year.

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=Exocarpos-strictus> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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