

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



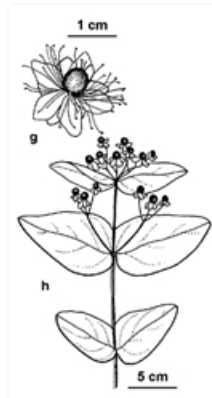
Flowers, buds, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RCH Shepherd, Mt Eliza, Vic



Ripe fruit and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RCH Shepherd, Mt Dandenong, Vic



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RCH Shepherd, Dandenongs, Vic



Line drawings. g. flower; h. fruiting branch. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Tutsan, Sweet-ambor

Family

Hypericaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, pastures, disturbed areas, roadsides, and along streams, often in damp places. Blue Mountains west to north of Crookwell. Kosciuszko National Park. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced shrub or **perennial** herb arising from a woody **crowm** at the base of the plant each year, to 1.5 m high or more. Stems indistinctly 2-ridged or slightly **winged**. Crushed leaves give a distinct curry smell. Leaves opposite each other, 3.5–15 cm long, 30–80 mm wide, hairless, bright green, lower surface sometimes greyish, bases **cordate**, leaves stalkless or stem-clasping. Leaves often reddish in autumn. Flowers yellow to orange, 15–30 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**. Greenish **sepals** almost the same size as the petals. Flowers in clusters of 2–15 flowers. Flowering: spring-summer. Fruit fleshy, occasionally slightly fleshy, initially green, turning red, then purple to black as they mature, globular, 7–12 mm in diameter.

Family was Clusiaceae.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in the Central Tablelands area, NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hypericum-androsaemum> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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