

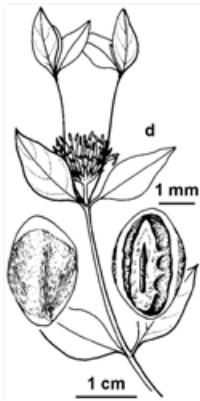
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Mles, Bournda Beach, north of Merimbula, NSW



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Line drawings. c. flowering stem; seeds. MMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Broad-leaf Stinkweed

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **grassland**. South from Biamanga National Park north of Bega. Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

Notes

Shrub or **perennial** herb, sprawling. Stems to 30 cm long, usually hairless, sometimes sparsely hairy. Leaves opposite each other, mostly 0.7–2 cm long, 3–10 mm wide, glossy, tips usually pointed, surfaces glossy, upper surface and the **midrib** on lower surface hairless or with scattered hairs, margins flat to curved down. Flowers 2–4 mm long, with 3–5 **petals** more or less fused at their bases. Flowers in 10–20-flowered spherical **heads**, on curved down stalks mostly 2–10 mm long. Flowers Sep.–Dec.

Definite identification of species of *Opercularia* in part requires microscopic examination of the seeds, beyond the scope of this key.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/232ba7f1-03ce-46a0-823d-5789870e7935> (accessed 2 May 2021)

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