

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and leafy stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens nursery, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Reserve near Nowra



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Minnamurra Falls Reserve west of Kiama

Common name

Four-leaved peperomia

Family

Piperaceae

Where found

Forest and wet gullies, usually **epiphytic** or growing on rocks. Coast and ranges north from the Kings Highway.

Notes

fleshy **erect** herb to 0.20 m high, becoming sprawling and rooting at the **nodes**. Stems hairy to hairless. Leaves in **whorls** of 4, 0.6–1.4 cm long, 5–10 mm wide, hairless, upper surface glossy, **secondary veins** obscure, tips blunt to more or less pointed, margins **entire**. Flowers minute, with 0 **petals**, 0 **sepals**. Flower **spikes** 10–43 mm long, central stem densely bristly.

Family was Peperomiaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Peperomia-tetraphylla> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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