

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Endeavour Reserve, Bombala



Leaves and fruit. Photographer David Francis, east of Castlemaine, Vic



Shrub. Photographer Matthew Frawley, Namadgi National Park, ACT

Common name

Hairy Geebung, Rigid Geebung, Stiff Geebung

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**. Western Slopes, Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and tablelands. Ranges west of Sydney.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high or sprawling. Fruit fleshy. Bark smooth. Young branchlets moderately to densely hairy with greyish to tawny hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems to almost opposite each other, 1.1–5 cm long, 4–20 mm wide, often spoon shaped, flat or convex above, tips **mucronate** and curved upwards, surfaces dull green, moderately to densely hairy when young, becoming hairless or almost hairless when mature. Flowers yellow, sometimes rust coloured, with 4 hairy '**petals**' 8-12 mm long, often joined together at the base. **Anthers** yellow. Flowers **erect**, **subtended** by scale leaves and leaves, in 1–20-flowered clusters. Flowers Nov.–Mar. Fruit green with purple streaks when ripe, to about 14 mm long, about 10 mm wide.

Hybridises sporadically with *Persoonia juniperina* and *Persoonia sericea*.

Protected NSW.

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=Persoonia-rigida> (accessed 31 January, 2021)

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