

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Rob Mann, unknown place

Common name

A Waxflower

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**. Coast and ranges north of Bodalla. Most records north of the Illawarra Highway.

Notes

Shrub to about 1 m high. Stems cylindrical, slightly warty, finely bristly. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 1–3.5 cm long, 3–4 mm wide, tips blunt to rounded and **mucronate**, margins rolled down, and **glandular** and scalloped, surfaces often finely bristly, **midrib** on the lower surface glandular-warty. Flowers with 5 white to pale pink **petals** each about 6.5 mm long. **Stamens** free from each other, the **filaments** usually hairy from the base, sometimes cohering by intertwined hairs. Flowers usually single, rarely 2 or 3 together. Flowering: chiefly spring.

Intergrades with *Philothea buxifolia*.

Protected NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Philothea-hispidula> (accessed 17 January, 2021)

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