

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographer Gordon Deans,
Blue Mountains

Common name

A Waxflower

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**. Blue Mountains, mostly north of the Great Western Highway. Wadbilliga National Park SE of Cooma.

Notes

Shrub to 1 m high. Stems cylindrical, slightly hairy, not or scarcely warty. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.6–1 cm long, 4–6 mm wide, leathery, hairless or with slightly hairy margins, margins **entire** to **glandular**-scalloped, and flat to more or less curved down, upper surface smooth, lower surface slightly warty, tips rounded and sometimes notched. Flowers white tinged with pink, with 5 **petals** each about 6 mm long. Flowers single. **Stamens** free from each other, the **filaments** usually hairy from the base, sometimes cohering by intertwined hairs. Flowering: spring.

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

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