

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Shrub (subsp. *latifolia*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer R.Hotchkiss, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

A Waxflower

## Family

Rutaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **heath**, and moist gullies. Coast and ranges, from Sydney to the Nerriga district and south towards the Kings Highway.

subsp. *latifolia*: Bundanoon to the Nerriga district and south towards the Kings Highway.

subsp. *scabra*: Sydney to the Nowra district.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 0.6 m high. Branchlets cylindrical, more or less bristly, often warty. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 1–2.5 cm long, 1–5 mm wide, tips pointed and **mucronate**, surfaces sparsely bristly or hairless, upper surface smooth, lower surface warty. Flowers white to pink, with 5 **petals** each 7–8 mm long. **Stamens** free from each other, the **filaments** usually hairy from the base, sometimes cohering by intertwined hairs. Flowers single. Flowering: Spring.

Intergrades with *Philotheca buxifolia* and with *Philotheca myoporoides*.

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**subsp. latifolia**: Stems markedly warty, and covered with minute bristles to hairless. Leaves 1.5–5 mm wide, flattish, concave above, slightly warty, hairless or with sparse short bristles.

**subsp. scabra**: Stems not warty, and finely bristly. Leaves more or less cylindrical due being folded lengthwise, 1–2 mm wide, more or less bristly.

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

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