

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, Kamarooka, Vic?



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Bush Heritage Reserve, via Augathella, Qld



Fruit and seeds. Photographer Don Wood, garden, Canberra, ACT



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near West Wyalong

## Common name

Weeping Pittosporum, Butterbush

## Family

Pittosporaceae

## Where found

**Woodland** and **mallee** communities. Western Slopes. Planted in Canberra.

## Notes

Tree or **shrub** to about 10 m tall. Fruit at first fleshy but woody when ripe. Branches usually weeping. Bark grey, smooth, with horizontal ridges from **lenticels**. Stems hairless, with prominent lenticels. Leaves **alternating** down the stems, 4–12 cm long, 2–12 mm wide, young leaves hairy, becoming hairless, margins occasionally slightly curved down, tips with a hooked point. Flowers appearing bisexual, but functionally with male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers fragrant, particularly at night, yellow to cream, 6–12 mm long, tubular in the lower half, with five **spreading** lobes about 10 mm long. Male flowers in clusters of up to about 6 flowers, female flowers single or paired. Woody fruit yellowish, 8–18 mm long, opening by 2 **valves**. Seeds dark red or orange-red to red-brown, sticking together in a mass.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pittosporum-angustifolium> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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