

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, Durras Lake, Kioloa



Flowering and fruiting stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Orange thorn

Family

Pittosporaceae

Where found

Forest. Coast, ranges, eastern part of the tablelands, and ACT.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Branches bearing numerous slender spines. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets angular or ridged. Young stems hairy with 2-branched hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.3–1.2 cm long, 2.5–11 mm wide, glossy on both surfaces, margins toothed in the upper half, rarely **entire**, tips blunt or pointed. Flowers bisexual but functionally unisexual with male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers fragrant, white to greenish yellow, tubular, with 5 '**petals**', each 4–6 mm long. Flowers single or in small clusters. Flowering: spring–summer. Fruit yellow to orange. Seeds brownish, in a sticky mass.

Was *Citriobatus pauciflorus*.

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

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