

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



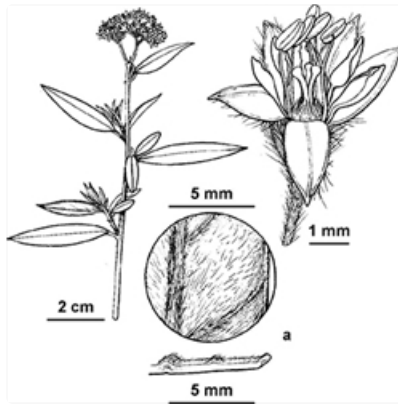
Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stems (subsp. *andromedifolia*).
Photographer Don Wood, Jingera Flora Reserve, NW of Eden



Flowering stems (subsp. *confusa*). Photographer Don Wood, Nadgee Nature Reserve south of Eden



Line drawings (subsp. *andromedifolia*).
a. flowering branch; flower; leaf lower surface detail; leaf transverse section. A. Barley, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Andromeda pomaderris

Family

Rhamnaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, along streams, and rocky places. Widespread but not Western Slopes.

subsp. *andromedifolia* Coast, ranges, tablelands, and the ACT.

subsp. *confusa* ACT and tablelands. Coast and ranges south of Eden. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m tall. Stems rusty hairy with tangled branched hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see) partly hidden by **simple** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1-5 cm long, 3-15 mm wide, upper surface hairless; lower surface whitish to rusty hairy with sparse to moderate **appressed** to **spreading** simple hairs above a whitish **tomentum**; **lateral veins** 7-12 pairs, distinct, often rusty, looping to the inside and not reaching the leaf margins, tips pointed to blunt; margins sometimes curved down. Flowers cream to yellow, with 5 **petals** and 5 **sepals** 1.5-2.5 mm long, in compact branched clusters 10-80 mm long, 10-80 mm in diameter. Flowers Spring.

subsp. andromedifolia: Leaves 1-5 cm long, 3-15 mm wide, lower surface of the leaves with straight hairs often appressed to the surface, the **bracts** of the **inflorescence** usually falling before flowering. Flowers bright yellow.

May be difficult to distinguish from **Pomaderris intermedia** in the ACT.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Rare Vic.

subsp. confusa: Leaves 1.5-4 cm long, 8-15 mm wide, lower surface of the leaves with spreading, curved to wavy **stellate** and simple hairs, the bracts of the inflorescence persisting until or after flowering. Flowers cream.

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Endangered Vic.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pomaderris~andromedifolia> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

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