

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



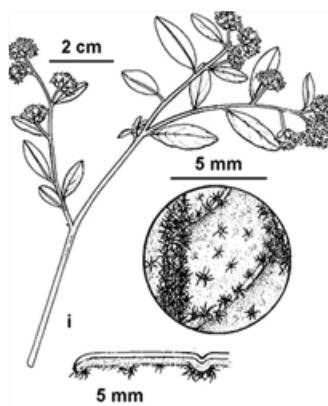
Flowering stem (subsp. *actensis*). Photographer Don Wood, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT



Flowering stem (subsp. *betulina*). Photographer Don Wood, Timbillica State Forest south of Eden



Open seed cases (subsp. *betulina*). Photographer Martin Butterfield, Namadji National Park



Line drawings subsp. *betulina*. i. flowering branch; leaf transverse section; leaf lower leaf detail. A. Barley, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Birch pomaderris

## Family

Rhamnaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, or **shrubland**, often near streams.

subsp. *actensis* ACT and Lake Burrinjuck. One record from west of Yass.

subsp. *betulina* ACT, tablelands, and ranges. One record from Eden.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 4 m tall. Stems hairy with rusty to slightly brownish **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1-6 cm long, 4-20 mm wide, upper surface with **impressed veins**, hairless to hairy, lower surface densely covered in sometimes rusty stellate hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), **lateral** veins commonly reaching the margins (rarely looping to the inside) and terminating in minute hair tufts, tips blunt, margins curved down, more or less toothed or appearing uneven. Flowers cream to yellow, about 2 mm long, with 0 **petals**, and 5 **sepals**, in tight **head**-like clusters. Flowers spring.

**subsp. betulina:** **Secondary** (side) veins of the leaves strongly impressed on the upper surface, leaf margins usually distinctly curved down. Sepals 1.5-2 mm long.

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

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**subsp. actensis:** Secondary (side) veins of the leaves hardly impressed on the upper surface, leaf margins not or hardly curved down. Sepals 2-3 mm mm long.

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

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