

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

A nightshade

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Forest. Blue Mountains and north.

Notes

Shrub to 1.6 m high, **stellate**-hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Prickles scattered on branches, leaves, and flower stalks, largely absent elsewhere. Fruit fleshy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4–11 cm long, 5–25 mm wide, upper surface green and sparsely stellate-hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), often 'wrinkled', lower surface grey-white or yellowish, densely stellate-hairy, margins **entire** or wavy. **Juvenile** leaves to 14 cm long, shallowly lobed towards the base. Flowers purple, 24–30 mm in diameter, tubular, with a short tube and 5 lobes. Flowers in 3–6-flowered clusters. Flowering: Chiefly spring–summer. Fruit pale green, 11–16 mm in diameter, roundish.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Solanum-amblymerum> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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