

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers, fruit, and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Bournda Beach south of Tathra



Leafy stems with fruit. Photographer Jackie Mles



Juvenile leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles



Shrub. Photographer Jackie Mles



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Common name

Kangaroo apple, Poroporo

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Forest, shrubland, disturbed sites, coastal dunes, and near streams. A colonizing species of disturbed or burnt sites. widespread, mainly coast, ranges, and tablelands.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 4 m high. Fruit fleshy. Young stems sparsely sticky hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, hairless, margins lobed or **entire**, tips pointed. Lobed leaves 9–36 cm long, 10–350 mm wide, with 2–11 lobes. Unlobed leaves 8–25 cm long, 10–35 mm wide. Flowers blue-violet to mauve, 25–40 mm in diameter, broadly tubular with 5 lobes to star-shaped, in clusters of 1–15 flowers. Flowers Summer. Fruit orange-red to scarlet, oval to oval, 15–30 mm long, 10–15 mm in diameter.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Solanum-aviculare>
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