

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



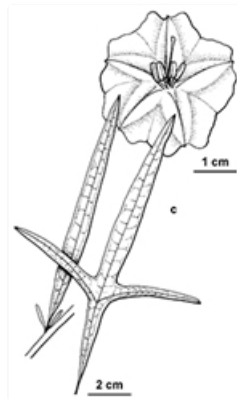
Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Leafy stems with flowers and ripe fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Photographer Silke Smaglinski, Mt Ainslie, Canberra, ACT



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Common name

Mountain kangaroo apple

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassy areas, and disturbed sites, often appearing after fires. Widespread. Rare on the Western Slopes and in Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Shrub or small tree to 4 m high, sparsely hairy with **simple** and **glandular** hairs. Prickles absent. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets often purplish, cylindrical to scarcely angular and ridged. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3.5–40 cm long, margins lobed or **entire**, surfaces green and sparsely hairy, tips pointed. Entire leaves 3–15 mm wide, lobes on deeply lobed leaves 20–120 mm long, 5–10 mm wide. In the Sydney area and the ACT leaves are often entire. Flowers purple to violet, 20–45 mm in diameter, often pentagonal, with 5 lobes. Flowers in clusters of 3–10. Flowering: chiefly spring–summer. Fruit yellow to orange, sometimes with purple or reddish to brown markings, 11–20 mm in diameter.

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

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Solanum-linearifolium> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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