

Hedyotis novoguineensis Merr. & L.M.Perry

Family:

Rubiaceae

Merrill, E.D. & Perry, L.M. (1945) *Journal of the Arnold Arboretum* 26: 4. Type: BRITISH NEW GUINEA: Wurni, Oriomo River, Brass 5831, Jan. 1934, alt. 10 m., small savanna clearing (plant with pale purple flowers).

Stem

Erect to decumbent perennial. Stems up to 50 cm tall, tetragonous and sparsely scabrous. Interpetiolar stipules ca. 1.5 mm long, triangular and many lobed having the midlobe scabrid.

Leaves

Leaves thinly textured, 2-3 x 0.7-1.5 cm, glabrous above but sparsely pubescent below; petiole 1-2 mm long and pubescent.

Flowers

Inflorescences axillary, sessile many-flowered fascicles. Sepals ciliate, fused only at the base. Corolla lobes glabrous inside, with long hairs at upper half of the lobe on the outside. Corolla drops off as a whole.

Fruit

Fruit ovoid-subglobose, ca. 2 mm diam., slightly furrowed, with recurved persistent sepals. Seed dark brown, angular, ca. 0.5 mm long, with a reticulated testa.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in NEQ from Mount Windsor to Tully in the south. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 660 m. Grows in rainforest, sclerophyll forest, Allocasuarina-Meleleuca woodland, Melaleuca swamp and in grassland. Also from New Guinea.

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