

# *Korthalsella rubra* (Tiegh.) Engl. subsp. *rubra*

**Family:**

**Santalaceae**

Engler, H.G.A. (1897) *Nat. Pflanzenfam.* 1: 138.

**Stem**

Internodes flattened, about 6-25 x 3-8 mm. Venation longitudinal and parallel, +/- 3-veined or reduced to a solitary midrib.

**Leaves**

Leaves absent or very small, about 0.5-1 mm long.

**Flowers**

Flowers produced in whorls at the nodes. Usually about 20-30 flowers in each whorl. Male flowers: Flowers about 0.5 mm diam. Pollen shed through one apical pore in each flower. Female flowers: Flowers about 0.7 mm diam.

**Fruit**

Fruits about 1.5-2 mm long, perianth remnants persistent at the apex. Fruits produced in clusters at the nodes. Fruits interspersed with hairs. Seeds immersed in a sticky, gelatinous mucilage. Embryo heart-shaped, less than 1 mm long.

**Seedlings**

Features not available.

**Distribution and Ecology**

Occurs in CYP, NEQ, CQ and in south-eastern Queensland and southwards as far as Victoria. Altitudinal range from 50-1500 m. Also found in New Guinea and the Pacific islands.

**Natural History & Notes**

Food plant for the larval stage of the Yellow-spotted Jezabel Butterfly. Braby, M. (2000).

Parasitic on a wide variety of rain forest and open forest plants.

**Synonyms**

**Bifaria rubra** Tieghem, *Bull. Soc. Bot. France* 43: 173(1896), Type: New South Wales, Richmond River, F. Mueller(?); Holo: P. **Viscum pycnanthum** Domin, *Biblioth. Bot.* 89: 604(1921), Type: Queensland, summit of Mt Bellenden Ker, 4 Jan. 1910, K. Domin s.n.; Holo: PR?. **Korthalsella articulata** Blakely, *Proc. Linn. Soc. New South Wales* 53: 33(1928), Type: New South Wales, Illawarra, Mt Kembla, June 1888, Fletcher; Lecto: NSW. Fide Barlow (1983) *Brunonia* 6: 51.

**RFK Code**

6033



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Whole plant on host. © CSIRO



Whole plant with flowers, on host.  
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