Peperomia tetraphylla Hook. & Arn.

**Family:**
Piperaceae


**Stem**
Succulent herb up to 10 cm tall. Stems erect, becoming decumbent and rooting at the nodes, glabrous to densely puberulous; internodes up to 25 mm long.

**Leaves**
Leaves very succulent, in whorls of 4, petiolate; lamina ovate-rhomboidal to orbicular, 10-14 x 7-9 mm, glabrous above, with sparse trichomes below when young, secondary veins obscure; petiole 7-10 mm long with sparse trichomes.

**Flowers**
Spikes terminal and up to 43 mm long, solitary; peduncle 7-8 mm long and sparsely covered in trichomes to shortly pubescent; fertile axes 10-35 mm long, densely hispid. Flowers deeply sunken into axis, spaced 0.6-1 mm apart; floral bracts rounded, 0.3-0.5 long and wide; ovary rounded, 0.4-0.6 x 0.3-0.5 mm.

**Fruit**
Drupes sticky, smooth, ca. 1 x 0.6 mm.

**Seedlings**
Features not available.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Occurs in NEQ, CEQ and southwards to south eastern New South Wales. Altitudinal range from 180-1200 m. Grows on moss-covered rocks and especially on tree trunks in the shade of rainforest, vineforest, sclerophyll forest, Eucalypt forest and micriphyll moss/fern thicket. Widely distributed in Africa, Malasia, Melanesia, New Guinea to Lord Howe Island.

**Natural History & Notes**
Natural hybrids between Peperomia. blanda and P. tetraphylla are known from Qld.

**Synonyms**

**RFK Code**
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