

Solanum fervens A.R.Bean

Family:

Solanaceae

Bean, A.R. (2004) *Austrobaileya* 686: 6(4). Type: Queensland. Cook District: eastern bank of Jardine River mouth. 4 September 1985, J.R. Clarkson 6219.



Stem

Erect, rhizomatous perennial shrub 1-2 m tall.

Leaves

Twigs, petioles and leaf blades armed with prickles 3-5 mm long and with dense stellate hairs. Adult leaves lanceolate or ovate, shallowly lobes on each side. Lamina 7.5-14 cm long, 2-4.5 cm wide. Prickles absent on upper and lower surface. Stellate hairs absent on upper surface or confined to midrib, dense on underside.



10th leaf stage. © CSIRO

Flowers

Inflorescence branched, 7-20-flowered. Pedicels about 4-7 mm long. Calyx tube 1.5-2 mm long, lobes about 0.5-1.2 mm long, stellate hairy. Corolla purplish, about 5-7 mm long, glabrous on the inner surface. Anthers about 3-4.5 mm long. Ovary with stellate hairs. Style 5-7 mm long.

Fruit

Fruits 1-3 per inflorescence, globular, about 9-12 mm diam., red. Seeds about 3-3.5 mm long.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Endemic to CYP. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 150 m. Grows in semi-deciduous vine forest on sand.

RFK Code

3567

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