Spartothamnella juncea (A.Cunn. ex Walp.) Briq.

Family:
Lamiaceae


Common name:
Square-stemmed Broom

Stem
Flowers and fruits as a shrub about 1 m tall, sometimes flowers when smaller.

Leaves
Stems and twigs 4-angled or longitudinally ribbed. Leaves sometimes absent, if present, leaf blades small and inconspicuous, about 3-10 mm long, sessile or with a petiole about 0.2-0.5 mm long. Small yellow glands visible on both the upper and lower surfaces of the leaf blade. Lateral veins not visible.

Flowers
Flowers small, calyx about 2 mm long, corolla scarcely exceeding the calyx. Outer and inner surfaces of the calyx and the outer surface of the corolla clothed in very small, globose, cream or pale yellow glands. Apex of the ovary clothed in similar glands.

Fruit
Fruits small, globular, about 2-4 mm diam., separating into four 1-seeded pyrenes.

Seedlings
Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology
Endemic to Australia, occurs in NEQ, CEQ and southwards as far as south-eastern New South Wales. Altitudinal range in NEQ from 200-600 m. Grows in vine thickets, monsoon forest and similar vegetation types.

Synonyms
Spartothamnus juncus Walp., Repertorium Botanices Systematicae 6: 694(1847).

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