

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, near Narooma

Common name

Broad-leaved starhair

Family

Araliaceae

Where found

Wet **forest** or **rainforest** margins. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 9 m high. Younger branches **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 8–22 cm long, 20–80 mm wide, sometimes **pelate**, upper surface smooth, rich mid-green, sometimes shiny; lower surface with a close, thin covering of hairs, the **reticulate veins** evident through the hairs; margins sometimes slightly wavy. Flowers small, with 5 **petals**, yellowish green to cream. Petals turned back. Flower clusters to about 30 cm long. Flowers Spring to Summer.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Astrotricha~latifolia> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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