

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Peter Olerenshaw, unknown site



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Buckenbowra State Forest, west of Batemans Bay



Flower and backs of leaves. Photographer Steve Burrows, Bournda Education Centre south of Tathra

## Common name

Howittia, Blue howittia

## Family

Malvaceae

## Where found

**Forest, shrubland**, and along streams. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

## Notes

**Shrub** usually to 3 m tall, **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2-12 cm long, 10-80 mm wide, bases often **cordate**, margins **entire**, toothed, scalloped or shallowly lobed, undersurface white or yellow. Flowers pink to purple or whitish, with 5 **petals** each 10-25 mm long, not **spreading** widely. Flowers single. Flowers Sep.–Jan.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Howittia~trilocularis> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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