

Hairy Geebung

Scientific Name:

Persoonia hirsuta subsp. *hirsuta*

Conservation Status in NSW:

Endangered

National Conservation Status:

Endangered

Photo: Cheyne Ramsay



SPECIAL NOTE: There are only six recorded specimens of *Persoonia hirsuta* in Warringah.

Description:

Persoonia hirsuta is a spreading shrub to 1 m high with small crowded leaves covered in rusty hairs. Very hairy golden yellow flowers appear November to January.

Habitat:

It grows in heath and woodland on sandstone. There are only about six recorded specimens of this plant in Warringah.

(Robinson, 1994)

Threats:

Rare and endangered species such as *Persoonia hirsuta* are under threat from further urban expansion and its impacts on the environment. Weed invasions, changes to fire regimes and drainage patterns lead to changes in vegetation structures.

Community Action:

Warringah residents can protect endangered plants such as *Persoonia hirsuta* by having a "bush-friendly" garden, which reduces the threat of weed invasions into nearby bushland. Or they could join a "bushcare" group such as Warringah's Friends of the Bush.