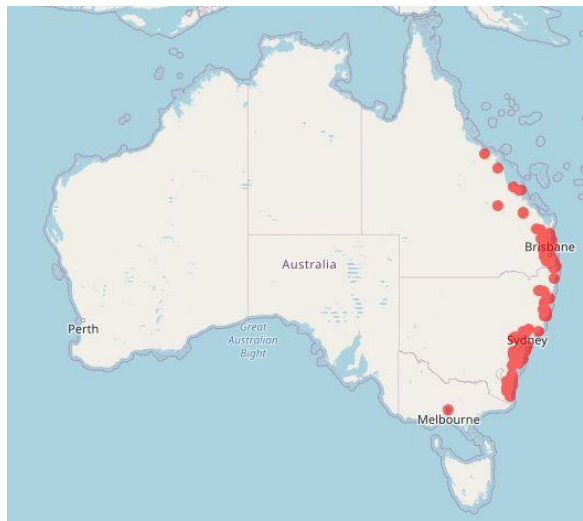


Euphorbiaceae
Homalanthus stillingiifolius
small bleeding heart

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ETYMOLOGY	(ho-ma-LANTH-us) Greek homalas = smooth even + anthos = flower; The Latin species stillingiifolius (still-in-jee-if-OLE-ee-us) stilla = drop + folium + leaf; Refers to the appearance the dropping female flower on its pedicel
LIFEFORM	Shrub 2m x 1m Spread
STATUS	Uncommon population size;
OCCURS	Kondalilla Falls Q, Kowmung River, Murdering Gully NSW, Mt Gravatt Conservation Reserve
HABITAT	Rocky ridges, stony hillslopes, Dry Rainforest
TOLERANCES	Shade or filtered light
LEAVES	Alternate, 2-6 cm, ovate triangular soft, peltate stipules 3-6 mm slender 1-5 cm stalks;
FLOWERS	Dioecious (male and female plants), Terminal greenish yellow long spikes small racemes; Bracts subtending flowers without basal glands; Flowering times: July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec
FRUIT	Drupes, 5 mm, on 2-6 projections few seeds with small hard knob on surface; seeds. Without fleshy aril like <i>H. populifolius</i> ; mature in spring. Fruiting times: Sept, Oct, Nov
STEM	Shrub can be confused with <i>Sapium sebiferum</i> Chinese Tallow Tree
ETHNOBOTANY	Gardens: Suits urban gardens. Fast growing useful rainforest understory; Dye from bark & leaf extracts; Yellow latex treats warts; Chinese settlers used crushed to stop bleeding and treat wounds (Webb 1948); Shrub which grows in shade. Suitable in urban areas
INSECTS	<i>Caloptilia octopunctata</i> , <i>Coscinocera hercules</i> (hercules moth) ⁷⁰
ID FEATURE	Subshrub to 1.5m high; leaves papillose below; Dioecious (male and female on separate plants)