

## Rutaceae

### *Phebalium woombye*

wallum phebalium, jelly bush

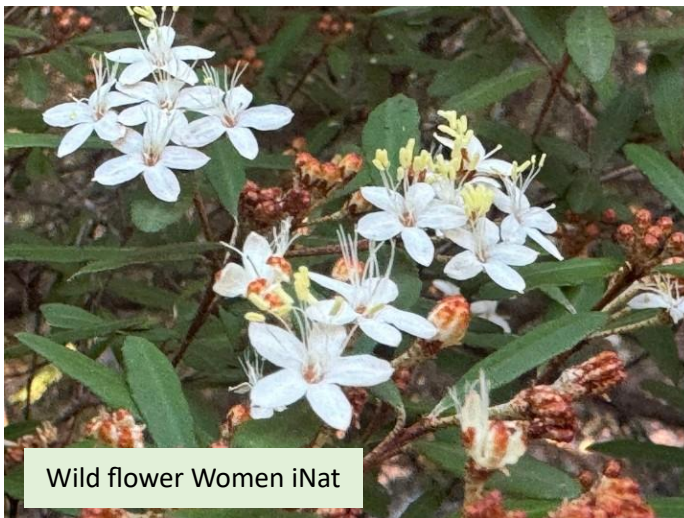


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#### ETYMOLOGY

(fee-BAY-lee-um) Greek philbaleos a kind of myrtle; The species woombye (WOOM-by) From Woombye in Sunshine Coast;

#### LIFEFORM

Shrub 2-3 m x 2 m Spread

#### STATUS

Occasional per site; Recorded @ 151 Locations (Moran, A 2009) Rare in NSW

#### OCCURS

Biggenden, Guniah, Canungra, Woodgate SE Qld, Glenreagh NSW

#### QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Leichhardt, Maranoa, Moreton, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

#### HABITAT

Coastal Heath, Dry sclerophyll forest

#### LEAVES

Alternate, 6-7 cm x 8 mm, dark green above, silver-green with obvious rusty dots below, midvein indented.

#### FLOWERS

White, 1 cm, 5 spreading petals in umbels (pink form around Bundaberg) with long stamens hang down from centre; Prominent yellow anthers give fluffy appearance

**Flowering times** June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov

#### FRUIT

Cocci, 4 mm, slightly spreading;

**Fruiting times** Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov

#### STEM

Scurfy spotted stems.

#### LANDSCAPE USES

Excellent garden plant, used as cut flower

#### WILDLIFE

Scented flower visited by native bees

#### INSECTS

*Saissetia oleae* (brown olive scale); Citrus Mealy Bug, Praying mantis

#### BUTTERFLY

*Papilio aegeus* orchard swallowtail

#### INDIGENOUS USES

Drinking boiled leaves treats women's problems (Traditional owners' information)

#### ID FEATURE

Leaves smooth, without prominent 15-60 mm glands + Flowers white or rarely pink, 5-lobed; + Calyx 2-3 mm, deeply dissected with triangular 1.5 mm lobes;