



Lantana camara var. aculeata

Common Name(s):

Lantana

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Features:

Aromatic shrub; stems upright to spreading, or almost scrambling to about 2m high, usu. with recurved prickles. Petioles to 2cm long. Lamina 3~13 x 1.5~7cm, ovate or oblong-ovate, crenate or crenate-serrate, densely hispidulous or scabrid above, the hairs usually dense but soft below; glandular scales minute; base cuneate to subcordate; apex acute to short-acuminate. Infl. corymbose; flowers fragrant. Peduncles 3~10cm long, moderately slender; bracts (1~3)/4 length of corolla tube, linear-lanceolate, densely hairy but eglandular. Calyx 1.5~2.5mm long, ciliate. Corolla densely puberulent outside; tube around 1cm long, narrow-cylindric; limb 6~10mm diam., when fresh, rather flat except for generally recurved lobes, usu. initially cream or pale yellow, changing to pink to rose, rarely deep yellow or orange. Drupe approx. 5mm diam., globular, black or blue-black. (- Webb et. al., 1988)

References and further reading:

Gardner, R.O. 1995. *Lantana camara* warning for Northern New Zealand. *Auckland Botanical Society Journal*, 50: 27-28.

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