Building an eFlora platform

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eFlora Platform: a use case for Virtual Taxonomic Infrastructure

**What is Virtual Taxonomic Infrastructure?**
- tools to support the work of taxonomists in an online/digital environment
- aimed at accelerating species discovery

**What is the eFlora Platform?**
- systems and tools to support the online creation, curation, sharing and delivery of content for floras
- aimed at gaining efficiencies in developing floras
Looking for a model that:
- maximises exposure of partners
- maximises local process links
- maximises dispersal of expertise
- maximises ownership of content
- minimises risk due funding uncertainties
Modules of an eFlora Platform

- Names
- Profiles
- Occurrences
- Keys
- Images
- Literature

Australian Plant Census (APC)

AVH - Australia’s Virtual Herbarium

KeyBase - Teaching old keys new tricks...

Australian Plant Image Index

Biodiversity Heritage Library AUSTRALIA
Access control

Assign users Admin or Editor roles to this profile collection.
- Admin - can edit content on this page and any profile in the collection
- Editor - can edit content on any profile page with this collection. Can not edit this page.

To add users, search for them by email address.
Note: users will need to create their ALA account before they can be added.

Key capability: authoritative

Approved Image sources

Configure the image sources to be included in your profile pages. These are image data resources accessible via Atlas API's.
- ABRS Flora of Australia Online
- Australian Plant Image Index
- Plants of the NSW South Coast & ACT - Don and Betty Wood

Approved Specimen/Observation sources

Configure the record sources to be included in your profile pages. This will set what data is used on maps. These are data resources accessible via Atlas API's.
- Australia's Virtual Herbarium

Approved Supporting Collections

Configure the profile collections to be used to support profile pages. Information from these collections can be included in the profile pages of your collection.
- Show data from supporting collections on the profile pages.
- Allow profile editors to copy data from supporting collections on the profile pages.
- NSW Flora Online
Key capability: share content

Description

Spreading shrub 1–3 m high; branches pendulous. Bark smooth, grey, brown or greenish brown. Branchlets ±terete, inconspicuously ridged, blue-black, sparsely to densely pilose with white or fawn hairs, or sometimes glabrous. Young foliage-tips cream-coloured or pale ferruginous. Leaves herbaceous, dark green, rarely over 2.5 cm long, subsessile with basal pinnae arising immediately or to 0.5 mm above pulvinus, mostly with a minute orbicular gland at insertion of basal pair of pinnae; rachis (0.1–) 0.4–1.2 cm long, usually with 1 or 2 (twinned) minute glands at base of uppermost and occasionally other pairs of pinnae; interjugary glands

Fruit

Pods straight to slightly curved, ± flat except raised over seeds, straight-sided or barely constricted between seeds, 1.5–9.5 cm long, 5–9 mm wide, thinly or thickly leathery, densely hairy (the hairs often reddish or fawn) to glabrous; seeds oblique to longitudinal; funicle filiform.

— Contributed by P.G. Kodela

Source: NSW Flora Online
Key capability: attribution

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