PLANT FACT SHEET

Hydrocotyle hirta R.Br. ex A.Rich.

GENUS *Hydrocotyle* **FAMILY** Araliaceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy penywort

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A herb which keeps growing from year to year. The stems lie along the ground. They form roots at the nodes. It grows 10-50 cm high. The creeping stems are mainly above the ground. The leaves are hairy on both surfaces. They are rounded or kidney shaped and 6-25 mm across. They have lobes. The flowers are very small and clustered. There are more than 14 in a head. The fruit have very short styles attached.

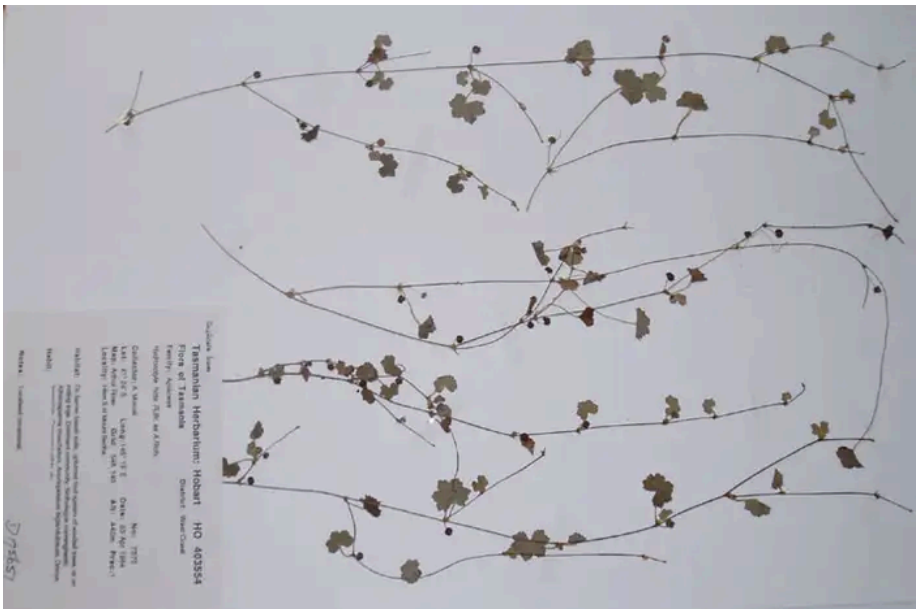
HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate places. It grows in moist, shady places. It grows along stream banks and in swamps and coastal shrub. Tasmania Herbarium.

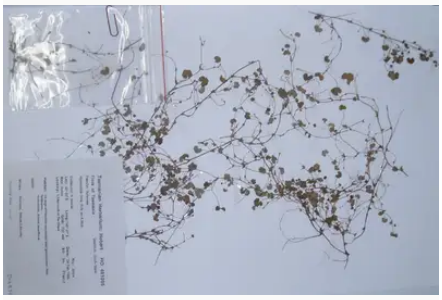
NOTES

There are about 130 Hydrocotyle species. Also put in the family Apiaceae.

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