



Geebung – broad leafed

Persoonia stradbrokensis



Family: Proteaceae

Evergreen shrub or small tree to 5 m



Distribution: North from Hastings River NSW. Called Geebungs in eastern Australia, and *Snottygobbles* in the west and south.

Description: Leaves elliptic to ovate, hairy when young, smooth when mature. Young branchlets moderately to densely hairy. Flowers are yellow. They are pollinated by a variety of native bees. The fleshy sweet fruits are clearly adapted for animal and bird dispersal.

Propagation: Germination by seed is rarely successful. However, once a mature Geebung is removed, many seedlings will sprout around the old roots. Also adapted to bushfires, will re-sprout from the trunk and large branches after fires.

Habitat: in coastal heath to dry sclerophyll forest, on coastal sand, sandstone and metasediments.

Uses: Fruit is edible once it has dropped to the ground. Parrots eat the unripe fruit, and both native and introduced bees gather pollen from Geebungs.