

Ochna, Mickey Mouse plant - *Ochna serrulata*

Form: Shrub 1-2 tall.

Leaves: Evergreen, single along stems, oval, finely toothed, 2-4cm long, dark green and glossy.

Flowers: Spring & summer; 2cm across, sepals green, 5 yellow petals

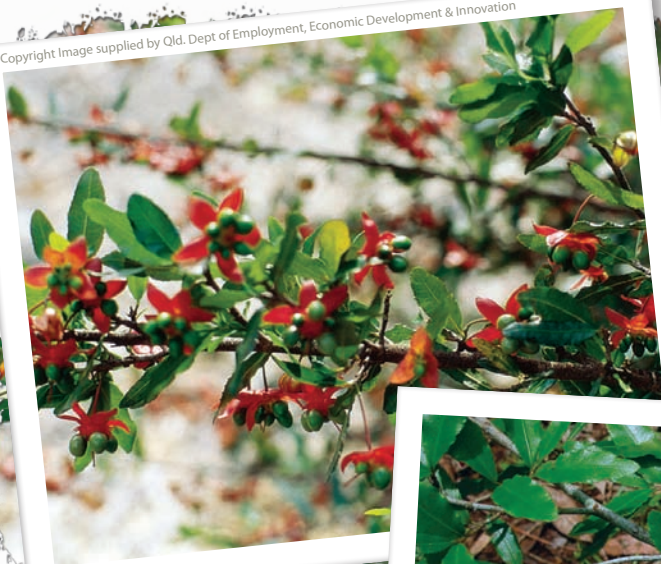
Fruits: Summer & autumn; swollen red centre & sepals, 3-6 black glossy berries c. 7mm long. Seeds spread by birds.

Impacts: Slight unless dense. Invasive & exotic. Still found in gardens as ornamental shrubs; should be eradicated where possible.

Control: Difficult. Cut and poison seedlings and plants (usually regrows); dig out, cutting tap root as deeply as possible. See DPI Fact Sheet for current herbicide recommendations.

Ongoing management: Check area every second year and control new and regenerating plants before flowering.

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