Rutaceae

Zieria smithii ssp smithii
sandfly bush



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**ETYMOLOGY** (ZEER-ee-a) After Jan Zier Born Poland Died 1796; The species smithii = after Sir James Edward

Smith 1759-1828 famous English botanist

**LIFEFORM** Shrub 1-3m x 1-2m Spread

STATUS Least Concern (IUCN 2001) Widespread; Common Recorded at 373 locations

ORIGIN Sunshine Coast Mt GilliesQ, Barrington Tops NSW, Vic, Tas

HABITAT Wet/Dry sclerophyll forest

**LEAVES** Opposite, 1.5-7 cm, narrow, oval 3 linear leaflets, dark green, 3-7 times as long as broad, oil dots are

present, in axillary clusters;

**FLOWERS** White, 4-9 mm, pale pink downy, pointed 4 petals, 4 stamens in small clusters 6-70 flowers

connective of anthers not projecting on 1-2 cm stalks; Flowering Times: March, April, May, June,

July, Aug, Sept, Oct

FRUIT Capsules, 3.5-4 mm, green warty, hairless, lobed cocci, with a terminal appendage, exploding when

ripe to eject a single seed; Fruiting Times: Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

**BARK** Yellow inner bark suggested by Maiden for use as dye.

TRUNK or STEM Rounded open erect shrub with single slender stem, glandular branchlets

ETHNOBOTANY Crushed aromatic foliage, used as insecticide; Frost resistant prune, lightly after flowering to

maintain compact growth shape; Sheltered part sun to shade;

BUTTERFLY Papilio aegeus (Orchard Swallowtail)

**ID FEATURES** Aromatic trifoliate leaves with a warty upper surface + Round stems +White 4- petalled flowers

clustered in the leaf axils