

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and bud. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rain Forest key, photographer B Jago, unknown place



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Maroochy Regional Botanic Gardens, Qld



Seedling. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rain Forest key, unknown photographer, unknown place

Common name

Native hydrangea

Family

Rousseaceae

Where found

Rainforest, especially along smaller watercourses, and sheltered gullies. North of Batemans Bay.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 8 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark grey or light brown, smooth, with corky blisters. Young stems sparsely to densely hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 10–22 cm long, 30–80 mm wide, hairless or with a few hairs, margins irregularly toothed, tips drawn out to a point. Flowers with 5 yellowish to greenish yellow **petals** each 4–5 mm long, in branched clusters 5–10 cm long, usually much shorter than the leaves. Flowers Oct.–Dec. Fruit blackish to purple-black, oval or oval to round, topped by the persistent **stigma**.

Family was Escalloniaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Abrophyllum~ornans> (accessed 29 April 2021)

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