

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Mark Marathon, Mt Archer National Park, Rockhampton, Qld



Flower clusters and leaves. Photographer Mark Marathon, Mt Archer National Park, Rockhampton, Qld



Leaves and ripe seed case. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Photographer Mark Marathon, Mt Archer National Park, near Rockhampton, Qld

Common name

Dovewood, Native Holly

Family

Euphorbiaceae

Where found

Forest. Coast and ranges north from Kiama.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 7 m high. Leaf margins with spine-tipped teeth at the tips of each angle. Bark greyish white, smooth, with **lenticels** and minute blisters. Young stems hairy with brownish hairs, usually becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–13 cm long, 10–70 mm wide, stiff, prominently veined, hairless, margins with very coarse angles. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers cream to greenish, with 4 '**petals**' each 1–2 mm long. Flower **spikes** to about 3 cm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Alchornea~ilicifolia> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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