

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer M Crisp, unknown place



Male flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Budawang Range



Female flowers and cones. Photographer John Tann, Sydney



Cones on stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Budawang Range



Shrubs. Photographer Jackie Miles

Common name

Scrub She-oak

Family

Casuarinaceae

Where found

Heath on sandstone hillsides. Ranges and tablelands. Coastal north from Ulladulla

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Bark mainly smooth. Branchlets to 35 cm long; **articles** occasionally waxy, 10–20 mm long, 0.8–1.5 mm in diameter; ridges angular to rounded-convex. Leaves very small, forming **whorls** of teeth on the branchlets. Teeth 6–8, **erect**, slightly overlapping at least when young, occasionally withering. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Male flowers brown, in **spikes**, female flowers red, in tight clusters, appearing single. Male spikes 1–9 cm long and with 4.5–6.5 whorls of flowers per cm of **spike** length. Mature **cones** often with a **sterile** tips to 12 mm long, **cone** body 13–50 mm long; **bracteoles** thickly woody and convex, blunt to squared off. Mature 'seeds' 4–8 mm long, with one **wing**, very dark brown to black, shining.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Allocasuarina-distyla>
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