

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Fruit, flowers, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Fruiting shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer A Lyne, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Prickly Alyxia, Chain Fruit

## Family

Apocynaceae

## Where found

**Forest.** Coastal in the Wollongong district. Also farther north, north of the area covered by this key.

## Notes

**Shrub** to about 5 m high. Leaves with sharp spiny tips. Fruit fleshy. Stems usually hairless. Leaves in **whorls** of 3-6, 1-7 cm long, 3-30 mm wide, hairless, glossy, leathery, margins slightly curved down, **entire** or rarely finely toothed, tips pointed. Flowers fragrant, white, 6-11 mm long, tubular, with 5 lobes each 2-5 mm long. Flowers in 3-8 flowered clusters. Fruit orange to red, rarely black, single or in a chain of 2-4 fruit.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Alyxia~ruscifolia> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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