

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Mungerie State Forest west of Mbruya



Young fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Araluen

Common name

Sheoak mistletoe, Needle-leaf mistletoe

Family

Loranthaceae

Where found

Almost exclusively parasitic on species of *Casuarina* and *Allocasuarina* in dry **forest**, **woodland**, and along streams. Coast, ranges, and tablelands north of Bermagui. ACT. Western Slopes.

Notes

Mistletoe. Branches to about 0.8m long. Plants attached to the host by a bulbous union. **External runners** absent. Fruit fleshy, sticky. Young stems hairy. Leaves clustered, 6-20 cm long, 1-1.5 mm wide, narrow cylindrical, hairy, becoming sparsely hairy with age, tips pointed. Flowers 15-21 mm long, pink and hairy outside, red inside, tips green, initially tubular, but the 4-6 **petals** finally free from each other to the base when the flowers are fully open. Flowers in 3-s (triads), the central flower stalkless, the **lateral** flowers stalked. The triads usually in 3's. Flowers most of the year. Ripe fruit **downy**, pink or red, round, 5-6 mm in diameter.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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