

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Painting of flowering and fruiting plant. Australian Plant Image Index, painter Gillian Scott, near Dalby, Qld



Plant. Photographer Jackie Miles, South Nowra

Common name

A mistletoe

Family

Loranthaceae

Where found

Forest and **woodland** on species of *Melaleuca*. Coast and ranges north of the Nowra district.

Notes

Erect, compact, mistletoe. Fruit fleshy, sticky. Stems hairless. Plants attached to the host by a bulbous union. **External runners** absent. Leaves opposite each other, usually 2–4 cm long, 2–6 mm wide, tips blunt. Flowers red, 7–10 mm long, tubular, with 4 or 5 **petals** finally free from each other to the base after the flowers open. Flowers in 3-s (triads), the central flower stalkless, the **lateral** flowers stalked. Triads in clusters of 2-3. Ripe fruit red, round, about 4 mm in diameter.

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

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