

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, White Elephant Reserve, Vic



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Brooks Hill Reserve, ACT, west of Bungendore



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Russell Best, Ingliston Gorge near Ballan, Vic

Common name

Stalked mistletoe, Box mistletoe

Family

Loranthaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**. Parasitic on several species of *Eucalyptus* and *Acacia* (particularly *Eucalyptus polyanthemos* and *Eucalyptus melliodora* in the ACT). Widespread.

Notes

Mistletoe, stems to 3m long. Plants attached to the host by a bulbous union. **External runners** absent. Fruit fleshy, sticky. Leaves somewhat fleshy. Young shoots hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves opposite each other or scattered along the stems, 3-40 cm long, 5-30 mm wide, hairless, tips blunt. Flowers 15-35 mm long, red, initially tubular, but the 5-7 **petals** finally free from each other to the base when the flowers are fully open. Flowers in 3-s (triads) or 4-s (tetrads), all flowers stalked, rarely the central flower stalkless. Triads and tetrads in clusters of 3-7. Flowers Summer to Autumn. Ripe fruit yellow to red., oval to pear-shaped, 8-12 mm long.

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~miquelii> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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