

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Flowering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Whittlesea, Vic



Fruiting plant, photographer Ken Harris, Snowy River, Vic

Common name

Grey Mistletoe

Family

Loranthaceae

Where found

Forest and **woodland**. Parasitic on *Acacia*. North from Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Kosciuszko National Park and nearby. Western Slopes.

Notes

Mistletoe with stems to about 0.7 m long. Plants attached to the host by a bulbous union. **External runners** absent. Fruit fleshy, sticky. Stems densely white hairy, older stems and leaves often almost hairless. Leaves opposite each other, almost opposite each other, or scattered, 3-13 cm long, 8-20 mm wide, tips blunt or pointed. Flowers 15-30 mm long, hairy, green, mauve, or red to purplish red beneath the greyish hairs, initially tubular, but the 5 **petals** finally free from each other to the base when the flowers are fully open. **Stamens** purplish red. Flowers in 3-s (triads), the central flower stalkless, the **lateral** flowers stalked. Triads in pairs. Ripe fruit olive green to cream, covered in grey hairs, oval, more or less pear-shaped or round, 6-10 mm long.

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

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