

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering branch. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Seed cases and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles, Byron Bay



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Trunk. Photographer GLemann, Bawley Point

Common name

Brush kurrajong

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Rainforest, wet **forest**, clearings, and roadsides. Coast and ranges north of the Bermagui district.

Notes

Small tree or **shrub** to 8 m high. Bark brown to greyish, smooth with horizontally elongated **lenticels**. Stems hairy with pale or brown **stellate** hairs about 0.5 mm long (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), lenticels not obvious at first. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5-20 cm long, 20-120 mm wide, lower surface covered with white or or pale brown centred stellate hairs, margins irregularly toothed, sometimes with short lobes. Flowers cream to white, sometimes pinkish, 9-11 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals** and 5 **staminodes** that look like petals, as long as the petals. Flowers in branched clusters 3.5-5 cm long.

Family was Sterculiaceae.

Difficult to distinguish from **Androcalva rossii** in southern NSW. It has smaller leaves, and smaller stellate hairs on the branchlets, leaves, and flower clusters.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Commersonia~fraseri> (accessed 17 April 2021)

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