

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Branch with female flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Coffs Harbour



Branches with unripe fruit. Photographer Don Wood, Mungerarie State Forest west of Moruya



Branches with ripe fruit. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Trunk. Photographer Max Campbell, Guerilla Bay east of Tomakin

## Common name

Coffee bush

## Family

Phyllanthaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, disturbed sites, and near streams. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

## Notes

**Shrub** to about 4 m high. Fruit fleshy. Stems hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, in two rows on either side of the stems, appearing **compound**, in sets of 4-14 on short side branches, each 1-3 cm long, 8-15 mm wide, upper surface green, lower surface paler green, tips rounded. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers greenish, 1-2 mm in diameter, with 6 shortly fused **'petals'**, single or in few-flowered clusters. Fruit reddish or orange to pinkish, turning black with age, almost round, 4-7 mm in diameter. Fruits summer to autumn.

Family was Euphorbiaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Breynia-oblongifolia> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

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