

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer B Gray, between Atherton and Yungaburra, Qld



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Forest and Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA



Pods and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer B Gray, between Atherton and Yungaburra, Qld



Thorny trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Forest and Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA

Common name

Mysore thorn, Thorny poinciana, Wait-a-while

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Disturbed **forest** and **woodland**, grassy areas, roadsides, and stream banks. Coastal north from the Wollongong district.

Notes

Introduced climber to 20 m tall, or a **scrambling shrub**. Prickles or thorns to 5 mm long on stems, leaf stalks, leaf **rachises**, and flower stalks. Bark rough at the base, smooth above. Stems hairy, sometimes almost hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 7-40 cm long, **compound**, with 8-20 **pinnae** each 2.5-7.5 cm long, each with 10-24 leaflets each 0.6-2 cm long, 2-8 mm wide, both surfaces finely hairy, lower surface paler than the upper surface, tips blunt. Flowers white to yellow, with 5 **petals** each 10-15 mm long, in elongated clusters 15-35 cm long. Flowers Winter to Spring.

Family was Caesalpinaceae.

General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Caesalpinia~decapetala> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

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