

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Stem with flowers and fruit. Photographer tangatawhenua, New Zealand



Fruiting stems twining on host. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, north of Batemans Bay



Twining stems. Photographer tangatawhenua, New Zealand

Common name

A dodder-laurel

Family

Lauraceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland** and on shrubby dunes. Coastal north of Narooma. Rarely in the ranges.

Notes

Parasitic twiner. Petals and fruit fleshy. Stems smooth, rarely wrinkled, almost hairless, yellow-green to green. Leaves scale-like, bases stem clasping. Flowers yellow to yellow-green, 1–2 mm long, with 3 **petals**, mostly almost hairless. Individual flower stalks conspicuous in flower, to 0.5 mm long, often hairy, sometimes inconspicuous in fruit. Flowers in loose elongated clusters, 5–15 (sometimes more)-flowered, the clusters unbranched or branched. Fruit globular to oval, green, yellow-green to red-green, almost hairless, sometimes 6-ribbed, 6–8 mm long, 4–7 mm wide (dried). Fruit enveloped in the enlarged **floral tube**. Flowers Sept.–Apr.

Description based on that in *Flora of Australia online*.

<https://profiles.ala.org.au/opus/foa/profile/Cassytha%20paniculata> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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