

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Ripe fruit and leaves. Photographer Luigi Rignanesi, Italy



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Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Nettle Tree, European Nettle-tree

Family

Cannabaceae

Where found

It usually spreads from plantings as a street tree, invading dry **forest**, open **woodland**, along streams and urban bushland. Sydney and Canberra. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced deciduous tree to about 20 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark smooth. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4–12 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, margins finely toothed, upper surface rough, lower surface fawnish, hairy to **velvety** with prominent **veins**. Male, female, and bisexual flowers on the same tree. Flowers green, with 5–6 '**petals**' 2–3 mm long, free from each other. Male flowers in few flowered clusters, female and bisexual flowers single or 2 or 3 together. Fruit maturing from green through yellow to brown or reddish purple to black when ripe, globose, about 10 mm in diameter. Flowers early spring, fruits mostly mid-summer to early autumn.

Was Family Ulmaceae.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Pest plant ACT.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Celtis-australis> (accessed 1 May 2021)

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