

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Steven J Baskauf, Tennessee, USA



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Steven J Baskauf, Ohio, USA



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Common name

Hackberry, American Hackberry, North American Hackberry

Family

Cannabaceae

Where found

Sometimes a garden escape, chiefly along banks of rivers. Mainly Sydney area. ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced deciduous tree or **shrub** to about 4 m high in the area covered by this key. Bark rough, fissured, often with corky ridges. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4–15 cm long, mostly 30–70 mm wide, margins coarsely toothed, upper surface rough, lower surface yellowish, hairless to hairy, **veins** prominent. Male and bisexual flowers on the same plant. Flowers greenish, with 5 or 6 '**petals**', free from each other, 2.5–3.5 mm long. Male flowers in few-flowered clusters at the base of the lower leaves of the cluster. Bisexual flowers single at the base of the upper leaves. Fruit maturing from green through orange or orange-red to purple or nearly black, globular, about 8–10 mm in diameter. Flowers early spring; fruits ripen late summer to autumn.

Was Family Ulmaceae.

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

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