

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Coloured sepals and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer A Lyne, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mt Penang Gardens near Gosford

Common name

New South Wales Christmas-bush, Christmas Bush

Family

Cunoniaceae

Where found

Open **forest**, **heath**, and moist gullies. Coast and ranges north from Broulee. Frequently planted.

Notes

Tree or **shrub**. Leaves opposite each other, **compound**, with 3 leaflets usually 3–8 cm long, 5–30 mm wide, distinctly channelled above; margins finely toothed. Flowers with 5 narrow white **petals**, and 5 white petal-like **sepals**, 2 mm long, enlarging to 12 mm and turning pink to red at the seeding stage. Flower clusters to 10 cm long. Flowers spring, fruits summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ceratopetalum-gummiferum>
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