

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Peter Olerenshaw, Blue Mountains



Flowering and fruiting stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Numeralla and Belowra



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Numeralla and Belowra

Common name

White sour bush

Family

Santalaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**. Ranges, tablelands, and ACT. Coastal north from Tuross **Head**.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 5 m high. Branches moderately angular, sharply ridged below the leaf scars, hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, scale-like, 0.1–0.3 cm long, **appressed** to slightly **spreading**, usually present on young branches, then shedding late. Flowers with 5 white or cream '**petals**' each about 1 mm long. Flowers single; **subtended** by leaf-like **bracts**. Flowering: mainly late winter to summer. Fruit dark, initially fleshy, dry at maturity.

Occasional intermediates between *Choretrum candollei* and *Choretrum pauciflorum* are known.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Choretrum-candollei> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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