

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Juvenile plant. Photographer Peter Woodard, Sydney



Base of trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tooloom National Park, NSW, east of Warwick, Qld

Common name

Churnwood, Silky beech, Soapbox

Family

Icacinaceae

Where found

Rainforest and moist sheltered gullies. Coast and ranges north of Batemans Bay.

Notes

Tree to 50 m high. Fruit fleshy. Trunk channelled. Bark light to grey-brown, finely fissured and corky. Branchlets with **appressed** brownish hairs, soon becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5–15 cm long, 30–70 mm wide, hairless, upper surface glossy, lower surface paler, margins **entire**, **domatia** on the lower surface small, pocket-like, in the **vein** angles along the **midrib** (handlens/macro app on your mobile phone needed). Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers white, or creamy green to yellow, with 5 **petals** each 4–5 mm long, Flower clusters 5–15 cm long. Flowering: May–September. Fruit black, globular to oval, 15–25 mm long.

Family Cardiospermaceae in PlantNET.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Citronella~moorei> (accessed 19 April 2021)

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