

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Fruit and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, north of Taroom, Qld



Leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles, near Cessnock

Common name

Pepper vine, Small-leaved water vine

Family

Vitaceae

Where found

Forest, often on rocky outcrops. Blue Mountains to Thirroul.

Notes

Weak climber or scrambler, stems to several metres long. Fruit fleshy. Stems mostly hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5-12 cm long, **compound** (rarely **simple** on **juvenile** growth), mostly with 3-7 leaflets each 0.5-14 cm long, 3-30 mm wide, hairless, upper surface green, lower surface paler or **glaucous** or sometimes purplish, margins toothed or lobed to **entire**. Tendrils usually unbranched. Flowers yellowish, greenish cream, or reddish brown, with 5 **petals**, each 1.5-3 mm long. Flower clusters 4-10-flowered, sometimes paired. Flowering chiefly summer. Grapes purplish to bluish black, often with a greyish bloom, more or less globular, 6-13 mm in diameter.

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

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