

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key, photographer unknown, place unknown



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Common name

Taro

Family

Araceae

Where found

Along streams and in open marshy places. Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and south to Berry.

Notes

Introduced robust **perennial** herb to about 1 m high. Stem a thick and fleshy **rhizome**, creeping to sprawling, often underground. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, to about 60 cm long, 300 mm wide, **peltate**, more or less **glaucous**. Individual flowers small, with 0 **petals**. Male and female flowers in a **spike** on the same plant, male flowers above, cream, female flowers below, green. Flowers highly fragrant. Spathe 200-300 mm long, yellow. Flower spike much shorter than the **spathe**, to about 120 mm long. Fruit in a cluster, red, protected by the lower part of spathe. Flowering: Summer.

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

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