

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Ironbark Pumpkin, Pumpkin

Family

Cucurbitaceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Rubbish dumps, roadsides, and near habitations. North from the Sydney area. Canberra.

Notes

Introduced annual herb, trailing or climbing, usually with stems to several metres long. Stems rough. Tendrils 2–4-branched. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, mostly 200–300 mm in diameter, 5-lobed, margins toothed, surfaces rough. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers yellow, 5-lobed, about 80 mm long. Male flowers on stalks 10–15 cm long. Female flowers on stalks about 3 cm long. Flowering: spring to summer. Fruit green or yellow to orange, sometimes white, usually flattened globular, 10–40 cm diameter. Edible.

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

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