

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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

Common name

Narrow-leaved Orangebark, Orange Bush, Orange Bark

Family

Celastraceae

Where found

Forest. Mainly in the Sydney area. Occasionally coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 5 m high. Leaf tips sometimes sharp. **Arils** on seeds thinly fleshy. Bark at first smooth, becoming fissured and scaly, grey to grey-brown. Stems with fine longitudinal ridges, hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–10 cm long, 2–15 mm wide, margins toothed or **entire**, tips **mucronate** or pointed, surfaces hairless. Flowers white to cream, with 5 **petals** each 1.5–2 mm long. Flowers single or in few-flowered clusters. Mature seed cases bright orange drying yellowish brown, round to oval, 3.5–8 mm long. Seeds black, surrounded by a yellowish to orange **aril**. Flowering: mostly October–December.

Was *Maytenus silvestris*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Denhamia~silvestris> (accessed 9 January, 2021)

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