

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Buckenbowra State Forest NW of Batemans Bay



Fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, Buckenbowra State Forest NW of Batemans Bay

Common name

Black Plum, Yellow Persimmon, Grey Plum

Family

Ebenaceae

Where found

Forest and wet gullies. Coast and ranges, north from Deua National Park and Tomakin.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 20 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark dark grey, almost black on older trees, rough and wrinkled. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless. Branchlets often zig-zaggy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–10 cm long, 15–40 mm wide, thick and tough, upper surface green and shiny, lower surface hairless or sparsely hairy and pale yellowish green and dull, tips blunt to bluntly pointed. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers white or cream to greenish, with 4 **petals** each about 5 mm long. Male flowers single or in few-flowered clusters, female flowers 1–3 together. Fruit yellowish turning red and black, 8–15 mm in diameter. Fruits winter.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Diospyros~australis> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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