

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal National Park, Sydney



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Kings Highway, Budawang National Park



Leaves and seed cases. Photographer Don Wood, Budawang National Park



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

Common name

Sassafras

Family

Atherospermataceae

Where found

Rainforest and wet **forest**. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Tree to 35 m tall. Bark grey or brownish grey, longitudinally fissured and becoming scaly. Young stems brownish **silky**. Leaves smell like nutmeg when rubbed. Leaves opposite each other, 3–11 cm long, 15–40 mm wide, firm to leathery or stiff, glossy, hairless, margins shallowly to deeply toothed. Flowers with 4-6 white '**petals**' each usually 7-13 mm long. Flowers usually in 3's. Flowering: winter to spring.

Was Family Monimiaceae.

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

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