

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, Booderee Botanic Gardens, Jervis Bay



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Trunk. Photographer Peter Woodard, Wyrmbalong National Park near The Entrance

## Common name

Corkwood, Eye opening tree, Poisonous corkwood, Poison corkwood, Yellow basswood, Duboisia

## Family

Solanaceae

## Where found

**Forest, rainforest** regrowth, and wet gullies. Coast and ranges, north of Batemans Bay.

## Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 24 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark creamy brown, soft, thick and corky, strongly fissured on older plants. Young stems densely hairy with **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4–15 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, very soft, hairless, dull. Flowers white with purple **striations** in the throat, 4–8 mm long, tubular, the tube bell-shaped, 2–4 mm in diameter at the mouth, with 5 lobes each 1–3.5 mm long. Flowers in open many-flowered branched clusters. Flowering: mostly winter to spring. Fruit purple to black, usually globular, 4.5–8 mm in diameter. All parts of the plant poisonous.

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

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