

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Barrington Tops National Park



Fruiting stem. Photographer David Boccalatte, near Gosford



Base of trunk. Photographer Peter Woodard, Booyong Flora Reserve NE of Lismore



Tree. Photographer Kenpei, unknown place

Common name

Koda, Silky Ash, Churnwood

Family

Boraginaceae

Where found

Forest, especially near **rainforest** margins, and rocky gullies. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 30 m high, often **deciduous** in August or September. Fruit fleshy. Trunk sometimes slightly buttressed. Bark creamy to grey, smooth, longitudinally **fluted** and convoluted in large trees. Young stems hairy with **simple** hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6–20 cm long, 20–60 mm wide, soft, thin, hairless, slightly glossy, margins finely toothed. Flowers white, about 5 mm long and 4–6 mm in diameter, with a very short tube and 5 lobes. Flowers in many-flowered branched clusters. Flowering: October–January. Fruit yellow to orange, round, 4–7 mm in diameter.

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

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