

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



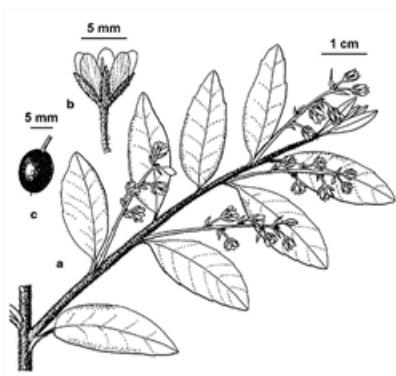
Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Coolangubra State Forest near Bombala



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## Common name

Black Olive Berry, Mountain Blueberry, Mountain Quandong

## Family

Elaeocarpaceae

## Where found

**Rainforest** and wet gullies. Coast, ranges and tablelands.

## Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 25 m tall. Fruit fleshy. Trunk often flanged towards the base. Bark dark grey, relatively smooth with some fissures and wrinkles, and with horizontally elongated **lenticels**. Young stems densely hairy with rusty to pale hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–11 cm long, 10–30 mm wide, tough to very stiff, upper surface hairless, lower surface hairy with no **domatia**, margins distinctly toothed, no joint at the top of the leaf stalk. Flowers white to cream, sometimes flushed with pink, with 4–5 **petals** each 6–12 mm long, **entire** or shallowly lobed, not fringed. Flower clusters about 1.5–6 cm long. Flowers Spring to Summer. Fruit at first with a waxy bloom, ripening purple or blue-black to glossy black, oval, about 6 mm in diameter. Fruits Summer to Autumn.

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

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