

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leaves. Photographer Dave Bland, near Milton



Base of trunk. Photographer Peter Woodard, Morton National Park

Common name

silver quandong, white quandong, brown hearted quandong, brownheart, mountain beech, Mowbullan whitewood, pigeonberry ash, white beech, whitewood

Family

Elaeocarpaceae

Where found

Rainforest and wet gullies. Coast and ranges north from west of Milton.

Notes

Buttressed tree to 45 m tall. Fruit fleshy. Bark pale and smooth, covered with numerous small blisters, and often vertically cracked towards the base. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 7–20 cm long, 20–40 mm wide, almost hairless; margins, small **domatia** regularly present as hairy tufts in the **vein** angles along the **midrib** (handlens/macro app on your mobile phone needed), a prominent joint at the top of the leaf stalk. Flowers white, with 4–5 **petals** each about 10 mm long, fringed. Flower clusters mostly 6–10 cm long. Flowering: January–March. Fruit pale blue, oval, 10–13 mm long.

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

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