

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, inland from Parrbula



Tree with winter foliage. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. b. flowering branch; fruit. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Cherry Ballart, Native Cherry, Ballee

Family

Santalaceae

Where found

Forest and **woodland**. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub or tree to about 10 m high, Bark grey, fissured. Branchlets cylindrical, hairy or **scurfy** at first, almost hairless, grooved, **erect** to weeping. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, scale-like, triangular, to 0.05 cm long, or 0.2-0.5 cm long on new growth, green to yellowish green, bronzy when stressed by drought or cold. Flowers greenish yellow, 1-2 mm in diameter, usually with 5 '**petals**'. Flowers in short, dense, **spikes** or clusters to 8 mm long; usually only 1 flower in each **spike** producing fruit. Stalk of the nut fleshy, yellow, orange, or red, edible. Flowering: throughout the year but mainly October–May.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Exocarpos~cupressiformis> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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