# **Plants of South Eastern New South Wales**



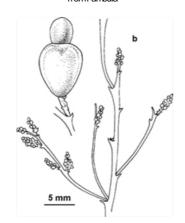
Flow ering stems. Australian Flant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, inland from Pambula



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



Line drawings. b. flowering branch; fruit. MMbir, National Herbariumof 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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