

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Fruiting stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Border Ranges National Park



Fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, Central Tilba



Tree. Photographer Jackie Miles

Common name

Small-leaved fig

Family

Moraceae

Where found

Rainforest and near streams. North of Tathra. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Strangling tree to 50 m high, at first **epiphytic** on the host plant, later with massive trunks of coalesced roots around the host plant. Base widely buttressed. Bark grey or greyish brown, almost smooth, with horizontal lines of elongated **lenticeles**. Young stems hairless or sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–13 cm long, 10–60 mm wide, moderately thick, green and hairless, margins **entire**. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Individual flowers very small, inside the figs. Figs paired, yellow turning orange with dark red spots, approximately globular, mostly 6–10 mm long and wide. Figs ripe Apr.–June.

Ficus obliqua var. *obliqua* in PlantNET.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Ficus~obliqua> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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