

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower cluster and back of leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Boyne State Forest north of Batemans Bay



Open seed cases with seeds. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, Murray Fagg, Mullumbirby Heritage Garden, Mullumbirby

Common name

Guioa

Family

Sapindaceae

Where found

Rainforest, common in regrowth. Stream banks. Coast and ranges north from Batemans Bay.

Notes

Tree to 18 m high. **Arils** on the seeds fleshy. Larger trunks flanged or channelled at the base. Bark smooth, grey to dark grey, often blotchy. New growth red. Young stems hairy with **appressed** fawnish **simple** hairs, soon becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6–18 cm long, **compound**, with 2–6 leaflets each 3–10 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, tips blunt or **mucronate** or rarely pointed, upper surface dull, dark green and hairless; lower surface **glaucous**, greyish green, **gland**-dotted and hairy with fine hairs. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers pale green or cream to white, 3–5 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**. Flowers in many-flowered branched clusters 3–15 cm long. Seed cases greenish yellow to reddish, unlobed or with 2 or 3 **spreading** lobes, 6–10 mm long, 8–15 mm wide. Arils yellow to orange, almost completely covering the seeds.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Guioa~semiglauca> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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