

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Tathra Forest Wildlife Reserve, near Tathra



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Miles



Fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, Bangalee Reserve near Nowra

## Common name

Sweet Morinda, Jasmine Morinda, Morinda

## Family

Rubiaceae

## Where found

**Forest** and moist gullies. Coast and ranges.

## Notes

Woody climber or **scrambling shrub** with stems to 6 m long. Fruit fleshy. Plants more or less hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 2–9 cm long, 10–35 mm wide, soft, tips with a long narrow point, 1-6 pit-like **domatia** on the lower surface (handlens/macro app on your mobile phone needed), domatia sometimes absent from some leaves. Flowers fragrant, all bisexual or sometimes some male flowers mixed with the bisexual flowers. Flowers white, yellowish, or purplish, tubular, the tube 2–6 mm long, with 3-4 lobes each 2–5 mm long. Flowers united at the base, in 3–20-flowered **heads**, on paired stalks. Flowering: spring–summer. Fruit orange, irregularly shaped or round, 6–15 mm in diameter.

Was *Morinda jasminoides*.

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

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