

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Holt, Canberra



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Holt, Canberra



Fruit and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer ROH Shepherd, Creswick Landcare Nursery, Vic



Nonflowering leaves and stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Ginninderra Creek, ACT



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Canberra, ACT

Common name

English ivy, Ivy

Family

Araliaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, roadsides, gardens, pine plantations, stream banks, and wetlands. ACT. Coast, ranges and tablelands, mainly north from Jervis Bay. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced woody climber to 20 m or more high or a creeper, occasionally becoming shrubby with age, usually with **aerial roots** along the stems. Fruit fleshy. Young stems hairless or with minute **stellate** to **peltate** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2.5–11 cm long, 30–100 mm wide, hairless or nearly so, upper surface slightly darker green and glossier than the lower surface, sometimes variegated with white or cream. Leaves on non-flowering shoots shallowly 3–5-lobed. Leaves on flowering shoots **entire** and narrower. Flowers with 5 **petals** each 3–5 mm long, sometimes united at the tips, greenish or yellowish green. Flowers in large

compound clusters. Flowers chiefly summer. Fruit dull blue or bluish purple to black, rounded, 5-10 mm in diameter. Flowers mainly summer.

Pest plant ACT.

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

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