

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, west of Bega



Stem with green pods. Photographer Jackie Mles



Plant with open pods. Photographer Jackie Mles

Common name

Holly Lomatia, Native Holly

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and heath. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Leaf tips sharp, leaf margins with sharp-tipped teeth. Buds and young branches rusty-hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6–20 cm long, 30–50 mm wide, hairless or almost hairless, margins coarsely toothed, tips rounded to gradually tapering to a point, sharp tipped. Flowers yellowish to cream or white, hairless or almost hairless, tubular, the tube slit by the **style** in bud, with 4 '**petals**' 10–12 mm long, splitting to the base when the flower is fully open. Flower clusters 15–30 cm long. Flowers Spring to Summer, usually following fire. Seeds with one **wing**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lomatia-ilicifolia> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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