

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Wadbilliga National Park



Flowering stem and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

River Lomatia, Mountain Beech, Long-leaf Lomatia

## Family

Proteaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, wet gullies, and along streams. Widespread.

## Notes

**Shrub** or small tree to 8 m high. Young stems sparsely hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5–20 cm long, 5–20 mm wide, hairless or almost so, lower surface paler, margins **entire** or coarsely toothed, tips pointed. Flowers greenish yellow to cream or white, 10–25 mm long, tubular, the tube slit by the **style** in bud, with 4 '**petals**' splitting to the base when the flower is fully open. Flowers paired, in clusters 5–10 cm long, usually shorter than the leaves, sometimes slightly exceeding them. Flowering: summer. Seeds with one **wing**.

Intergrades with *Lomatia fraseri*, *Lomatia ilicifolia*, and *Lomatia silaifolia*.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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