

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, planted at Central Tilba school



Nuts on stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Trunk. Photographers Forest and Kim Starr, Hawaii



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Brush box

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Urban bushland and roadsides. Coastal north from Shellharbour. Blue Mountains. Also elsewhere.

Occurs naturally on the edge of **rainforest** on the North Coast of NSW and north from there.

Notes

Introduced (to SE NSW) tree to 40 m tall. Bark rough and brown on the lower trunk, smooth and brownish on the upper trunk and branches. Stems hairy, becoming hairless, with leaf scars. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, appearing **whorled** at the ends of the branchlets, **alternating** up the stems lower down, 7-18 cm long, 25-45 mm wide, leathery, glossy green, hairless, tips pointed. Flowers with 5 white **petals** each 6-9 mm long, in 3-7 flowered clusters. **Stamens** white and feathery, 10-20 mm long. Flowers Spring to Summer.

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

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