

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Jim Varnum, Texas, USA



Fruit and leaves. Photographers Clinton & Charlie Robertson, Texas, USA



Shrub. Photographer Kenpei, Japan

Common name

Japanese Sacred Bamboo, Nanten, Heavenly Bamboo, Sacred Bamboo

Family

Berberidaceae

Where found

Bushland edges, **woodland**, gardens, and along drainage lines. Sydney area and the mountains to the west. Canberra. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced evergreen shrub, sometimes **deciduous** in colder climates, to 3 m high. Fruit fleshy. Stems scarred or sheathed by leaf bases. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, to 50 cm long, **compound**, **bipinnate** or **tripinnate**, clustered towards the summit of the stems. Leaflets to 7 cm long, 20 mm wide, hairless, green or lime green becoming red to purple in autumn, **midvein** conspicuous, tips pointed. Young leaves often pinkish. Flowers to 7.5 mm in diameter, with 3-6 white **petals**. Flower clusters to 40 cm long. Fruit about 10 mm in diameter, bright red. Flowers mainly summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Nandina-domestica> (accessed 28 January, 2021)

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