

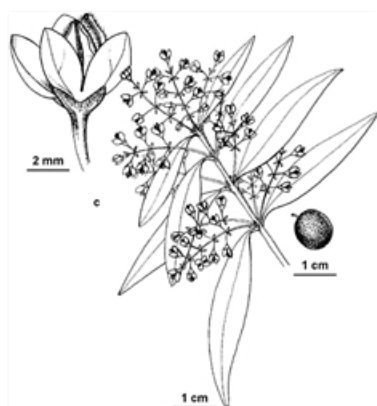
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, SE Forests National Park



Line drawings, with flowering branch and fruit. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Privet Mock-olive, Silkwood, Southern Mock-olive

## Family

Oleaceae

## Where found

**Forest**, rocky slopes, and gullies. Ranges south from the Budawang Range.

## Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 16 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark dark brown, fissured to scaly. Young stems densely hairy, often purplish, soon becoming hairless, **lenticels** prominent. Buds at the bases of the leaves single, sometimes 2-3 together. Leaves opposite each other, 2–10 cm long, 4–25 mm wide, tips blunt, margins **entire**, thick, both surfaces dull and hairless, upper surface dark green, lower surface paler; **veins** on the upper surface obscure. Flowers with 4 yellow to green **petals** 1–1.5 mm long, more or less free from each other except joined in 2 pairs at the base. **Calyx** with prominent approximately triangular teeth. Flower clusters 1-3 together, each of 7–13 flowers. Flowering: January–April. Fruit white or pink to dark purple-black, round to oval, 6–12 mm long.

Was *Nestegis ligustrina*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Notelaea~ligustrina> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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