

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key



Female flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key



Open false fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key

Common name

Anchor Vine, Pomegranate Vine

Family

Monimiaceae

Where found

Rainforest. Coast and ranges north of Batemans Bay.

Notes

Tall woody climber, sometimes **scrambling** and shrublike in the **juvenile** stages. Stems sparsely to somewhat densely hairy with **simple** and/or **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), ridged, rough, with many prominent **lenticels**. Leaves opposite each other, 4.5–19 cm long, 20–90 mm wide, upper surface sparsely hairy, lower surface hairless to densely hairy with mixed simple and stellate hairs, paler than the upper surface, bases rounded to very slightly **cordate**, tips gradually tapering to a point, margins **entire** to finely scalloped. Male and female flowers on different plants, whitish. Male flowers 3–8 mm in diameter with 4–5 lobes, female flowers about 2–3 mm in diameter, **perianth** spherical, lobes absent. Male flowers in clusters of 7–15 flowers; female flowers in clusters of 5–9 flowers. False fruit more or less fleshy, green, 15–20 mm in diameter, splitting at maturity and revealing 3–7 fleshy fruit (red turning black) seated on the inner pinkish to reddish face of the split skin. Flowering: winter.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Palmeria-scandens> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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