

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer B Jago, Australian Tropical Rainforest key, unknown place



Flowers and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown



Fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney

## Common name

Birdlime tree

## Family

Nyctaginaceae

## Where found

**Rainforest** and wet gullies. Coast and ranges north from Jervis Bay.

## Notes

**Shrub** or tree to 6 m tall. Bark smooth, with shallow wrinkles or ridges and furrows on older specimens. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, opposite each other, clustered, or pseudo-**whorled**, 6-30 cm long (to 50 cm long on **juvenile** plants), 40-150 mm wide, soft, hairless. Flowers fragrant, mostly bisexual, sometimes unisexual, 2.5-10 mm long, with a green tube and 10 white, cream, yellowish, or pinkish lobes. Flowers in many-flowered branched clusters. Fruits pink to purple or black when ripe, sticky, 20-50 mm long. Fruits stick to feeding birds and can cause their death.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pisonia~umbellifera> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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