

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leaves and male cones. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Leafy stems with male cones. Photographer Don Wood, Namadgi National Park



Leafy stems and mature female cone. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub with mature female cones. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer R Jackson, Kosciuszko National Park

## Common name

Mountain plum pine

## Family

Podocarpaceae

## Where found

Subalpine **woodland**, grassy areas, alpine **herbfields**, and rocky areas and scree slopes at higher altitudes. ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 4 m high or **prostrate** to sprawling, hairless. Stalks of seeds fleshy. Bark smooth, pale coppery-brown and inclined to peel in papery sheets. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** along the stems, crowded, 0.4–1.6 cm long, 1–4 mm wide, rigid, leathery, dark green, tips blunt or with a small abrupt point. Male and female **cones** usually on different plants, rarely on the same plant. Male cones 4–15 mm long, about 1.5 mm wide, reddish purple becoming yellow, in clusters of 1-6. Female cones consisting of a green seed 6-12 mm long, with a pale green fleshy stalk 3–5 mm long, turning bright red and fleshy at maturity and 4–8 mm long. Flowers Spring.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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