

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Branch with male cones. Photographer Don Wood, near Ulladulla



Branches with male cones. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Branch with female cones. Photographer Don Wood, near Ulladulla



Branch with mature female cones. Photographer Don Wood, near Ulladulla

## Common name

Spiny-leaf podocarp

## Family

Podocarpaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **heath**, **shrubland**, cliff tops, and gullies. Coastal north of Moruya, and south from Pambula.

## Notes

**Shrub** or tree to 3 m high. Leaf tips sharp. Stalks of seeds fleshy. Leaves sharp pointed. Bark thin, fibrous. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, crowded, 2-8 cm long, 2-4.5 mm wide, glossy green, tips gradually tapering to a point. Male and female **cones** on different plants, rarely on the same plant. Male cones 4-8 mm long, 2-4 mm in diameter, single or in clusters of 1-5 at the bases of the leaves. Mature female cones consisting of a seed 8-15 mm long, 7-10 mm in diameter, with a blue-black to purple, **glaucous**, fleshy, stalk 6-10 mm long, single.

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

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