

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Hermann Falkner, Austria



Ripe fruit on branches. Photographer Craig Ledbetter, unknown place



Tree. Photographer Botaurus, Germany

## Common name

Apricot

## Family

Rosaceae

## Where found

Occasionally **naturalised** from discarded seeds. Coast, ranges, and tablelands, north from Shellharbour and the Hume Highway.

## Notes

**Introduced deciduous** tree to 12 m high. Fruit fleshy, edible. New growth sparsely hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–10 cm long, 30–80 mm wide, tips pointed, bases often **cordate**, margins toothed, both surfaces usually hairless. Flowers white or pinkish; with 5 **petals**, about 25 mm in diameter, more or less stalkless. Flowers single or paired, appearing before the deciduous leaves. Fruit yellow to orange, often tinged red on the side most exposed to the sun, more or less round, furrowed on one side, about 15–25 mm in diameter, hairless to hairy with very short hairs. Stone smooth with a thickened furrowed edge.

Family was Amygdalaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Prunus~armeniaca> (accessed 3 February, 2021)

Wikipedia description: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prunus\\_armeniaca](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prunus_armeniaca) (accessed 3 February, 2021)

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