

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



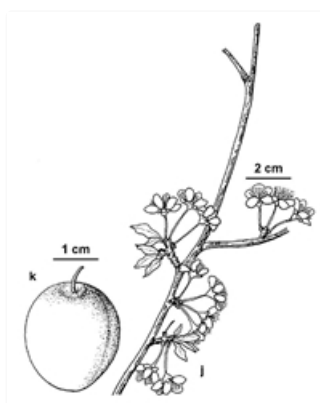
Flowers. Photographer Jackie Mles



Leafy stems with fruit. Photographer Jackie Mles



Shrub. Photographer Jackie Mles



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## Common name

Cherry Plum

## Family

Rosaceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, disturbed sites, waste areas, roadsides, and near streams. Mainly Sydney and Canberra. Occasionally on the coast, ranges and tablelands.

## Notes

**Introduced deciduous** tree or **shrub** to 12 m high. Fruit fleshy, edible. Young plants and lower stems sometimes spiny. Young stems sparsely hairy, soon becoming hairless, glossy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–6 cm long, 10–30 mm wide, green to red or purple, more or less hairless except for the **veins** on the lower surface, margins toothed or scalloped to almost **entire**, tips pointed. Flowers usually white, occasionally pink, about 25 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**, on stalks 10–30 mm long. Flowers single or in clusters of up to 4, on short side shoots, appearing before the deciduous leaves. Fruit red or yellow, cherry-like, almost round, mostly 15–25 mm in diameter. Flowering: spring.

Family was Amygdalaceae.

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

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