

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower clusters and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Shrub. Photographer Jackie Miles

Common name

Cherry Laurel

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Forest and roadsides. Blue Mountains. Southern Highlands and the ranges west from Robertson.

Notes

Introduced evergreen shrub or tree to about 8 m high. Fruit thinly fleshy, inedible. Young twigs pale green. Leaves can have the scent of almonds when rubbed. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 7–18 cm long, 30–60 mm wide, leathery, shiny, hairless, lower surface usually with 1–3 small round **glands** near the stalk, margins almost **entire** or with a few small teeth, tips gradually tapering to a point. Flowers white, with 5 **petals**, about 10 mm in diameter. Flowers in 30–40 flowered slender clusters. Fruit black to purple, 10–12 mm long, approximately oval. Flowering: spring.

Family was Amygdalaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Prunus-laurocerasus> (accessed 14 March 2021)

Wikipedia description: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prunus_laurocerasus (accessed 14 March 2021)

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