

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



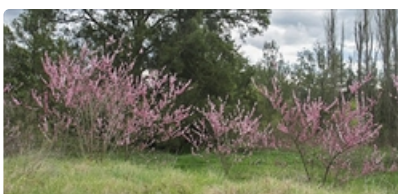
Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Miles



Peaches and leaves. Photographer Lucien Monfils, unknown place



Nectarine on leafy stem. Photographer User: Fir0002/200 credits



Shrubs. Photographer Jackie Miles

Common name

Peach (var. *persica*), Nectarine (var. *nucipersica*)

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Sometimes naturalized from discarded seeds. Mainly Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere, especially along roads.

Notes

Introduced deciduous tree to 6 m high. Fruit fleshy, edible. Young twigs hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6–15 cm long, 15–35 mm wide, tips pointed, margins finely scalloped to finely toothed, surfaces more or less hairless. Flowers white, pink or red, with 5 **petals**, 10–40 mm in diameter, almost stalkless or stalkless, single or in pairs, appearing before the deciduous leaves. Fruit yellow, orange, or red, 20–80 mm in diameter, roundish, furrowed on one side, flesh white or yellow, edible. Stone deeply pitted and furrowed.

var. *persica*: Fruit hairy.

var. *nucipersica* (var. *nectarina* in PlantNET): Fruit hairless.

Family was Amygdalaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Prunus~persica> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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