

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Native Guava

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Rainforest and **rainforest** margins. Mainly north from Palm Beach, Sydney area.

## Notes

**Shrub** or tree to 12 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark brown and scaly. Young branchlets hairy with pale hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite or almost opposite each other, 5–25 cm long, 25–65 mm wide, tips pointed, upper surface hairless and glossy, lower surface paler; **lateral veins** conspicuous, oil **glands** numerous and conspicuous. Flowers with 5 white or pink **petals**, each 7–10 mm long, turned back when the flowers open. Flowers in 3- to many-flowered clusters. **Stamens** up to 5 mm long. Flowering: late spring to early summer. Fruit green to yellow, with persistent **sepals** near the summit, oval to round, 10–15 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rhodomyrtus~psidioides> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

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