

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Monga National Park



Open seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Monga National Park

## Common name

Monga Waratah, Braidwood Waratah

## Family

Proteaceae

## Where found

**Rainforest**, wet **forest**, forest margins, and stream banks. Ranges, from Monga National Park north to the Bundanoon and Fitzroy Falls areas.

## Notes

**Shrub** or tree to 6 m high. Young branchlets rusty hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems. **Adult** leaves 4–18 cm long, 5–20 mm wide, somewhat leathery, smooth between more or less prominent **veins**, margins **entire** or slightly wavy and lobed, tips blunt or pointed. **Intermediate** leaves irregularly **dissected**. Flowers red inside and pink to red outside, with a curved tube, the tube split on one side by the **style** after the flowers open, with 4 '**petals**' each 25-40 mm long, joined to each other in a slit tube. Flowers in **heads** of 28–65 flowers, 60-100 mm in diameter; the upper flowers opening first. **Bracts subtending** the flower heads mostly 10–45 mm long, pink and/or green, not conspicuous. Flowers Oct.-Dec. Seeds with one **wing**.

Sporadically hybridises with *Telopea oreades* where their ranges overlap.

Protected NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Telopea-mongaensis> (accessed 11 April 2021)

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