

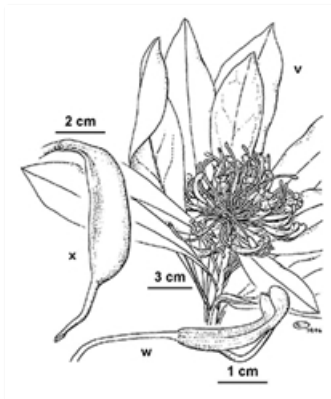
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, South East forests National Park



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, Photographer M Crisp, Errinundra Plateau, Vic



Line drawings. v. flowering branch; w. flower; x. seed case. G Thomlinson, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Gippsland waratah

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Rainforest, wet **forest**, forest margins, and stream banks. Ranges south from the Mongarlowe district east of Braidwood.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 12 m high. Bark dark grey, smooth, with horizontal markings. Stems longitudinally ridged, with **lenticels**, rusty hairy when young, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems. **Adult** leaves 10–30 cm long, 15–60 mm wide, hairless, dull dark green, **venation** obscure on the upper surface, conspicuous on the lower surface but scarcely raised, margins **entire**, tips pointed. **Juvenile** leaves sometimes 3-lobed. **Intermediate** leaves entire. Flowers red inside and pink to red outside, rarely white, with a curved tube, the tube split on one side by the **style** after the flowers open, with 4 '**petals**' each 20–36 mm long, joined to each other in a slit tube. Flowers in **heads** of 30–60 flowers, to about 100 mm in diameter; upper flowers opening first. **Bracts subtending** the flower heads mostly 15–75 mm long, pink and/or green, not conspicuous. Flowers Winter to Summer. Seeds with one **wing**.

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

Protected NSW.

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

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