

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and flower buds. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer unknown, Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants Key



Branches. Australian Plant Image Index, unknown photographer, Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants Key



Seed cases (cultivated tree). Photographer Arthur Stafford, Toowoomba, Qld



Trunk and leaf. Photographer Ry, SW of Kangaroo Valley



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, inland from Coffs Harbour

Common name

Red cedar, *Santhana vembu*

Family

Meliaceae

Where found

Forest and stream banks. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands, mainly north of Batemans Bay. Occasional sightings elsewhere.

Notes

Deciduous tree to 45 m tall. Larger trees with buttresses or flanges. Bark brown to grey and scaly, flaking irregularly. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, usually 15-50 cm long, **compound**, with mostly 8-20 leaflets, each 4-15 cm long, 15-55 mm wide, tips pointed, margins **entire** (more or less toothed in saplings), mostly hairless. **Domatia** small hairy tufts along the **midvein** on the lower surface (handlens/macro app on your mobile phone needed). Male and female flowers on the same

plant; flowers rarely bisexual. Flowers creamy white, with 5 **petals** fused at the base, each 3.5-6 mm long. Flowers in many-flowered branched clusters 20-50 cm long. Flowers Sept.–Nov. Ripe seed cases dry, brownish, oval, 10–20 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Toona~ciliata> (accessed 9 February, 2021)

Author: Betty Wood.



Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia (CC BY)

This identification key and fact sheets are available as a free mobile application:



Android edition



iOS edition