

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Reserve near Nowra



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Albury Botanic Gardens



Trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Water gum, Kanooka, Kanuka

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Forest, shrubland, rocky areas, and along streams. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 35 m tall. Bark at first smooth, later papery and shedding in flakes or strips. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, often becoming clustered toward the stem tips, 5-14 cm long, 7-30 mm wide, upper surface dark green and hairless, lower surface greyish white and hairy, oil **glands** scattered (visible when the leaf is held up to the light and/or by using the macro app on your phone/tablet). Flowers yellow, about 15 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**, in clusters of 7-15 flowers. Flowers Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tristaniopsis-laurina> (accessed 25 March, 2021)

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