

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers, buds, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Fruit and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, suburban garden, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. d. fruiting branch; flower. M.Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Laurestinus

Family

Adoxaceae

Where found

Forest adjoining gardens. Coast and ranges north from near Tahmoor. ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced shrub or tree to about 4 m high. Fruit fleshy. Stems slightly hairy or hairless. Leaves opposite each other, mostly 5–9 cm long, 15–40 mm wide, tips pointed or blunt, margins curved to rolled down, upper surface glossy dark green and hairless, lower surface paler with hairs on the **veins**. Flowers white, sometimes tinged pink, with **5 petals** each 3–4 mm long, joined together to just below the middle. Flowers in much-branched clusters 5–8 cm diameter. Flowers mainly spring. Fruit metallic blue-black, 5–10 mm long, oval.

Family Caprifoliaceae in VICFLORA.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/20a05898-e331-4a6a-a552-60f37de75488> (accessed 1 February 2021)

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