

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and 'seeds'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RG & FJ Richardson, Geelong Botanic Gardens, Vic



Leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RG & FJ Richardson, England



Leaves. Photographer Kenpei, Japan

Common name

Japanese Maple

Family

Sapindaceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Urban bushland and gardens. Sydney area south to Wollongong. Blue Mountains. Canberra. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced deciduous shrub or tree to about 7 m high. Leaves opposite each other, 5–10 cm long, 50-100 mm wide, deeply lobed with 5–11 lobes, occasionally completely divided, virtually hairless, usually with a tuft of short hairs near the attachment of the leaf stalk, margins irregularly toothed. Colourful leaves in Autumn. Bisexual and male flowers on the same plant. Flowers with 4-6 purplish-red **sepals** about 3 mm long, and 4-6 **petals**, pale yellowish or tinged pink, shorter than the sepals. Flowers in short drooping clusters to about 4 cm long. Flowers appearing with or before the leaves. Flowers Sep.–Oct. 'Seeds' red, turning pinky red, finally beige, about 15 mm long, with 1 **wing**, in pairs.

Family was Aceraceae.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/283b2e3a-db31-4db1-a845-d732610df06e> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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