

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Wingham Scrub, west of Taree



Flowering stem and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key



Fruiting stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney

Common name

Hairy Bird's Eye, Bed-jacket, Woolly Rambutan, Hairy Alectryon

Family

Sapindaceae

Where found

Urban bushland, gardens and roadsides. Sydney area and Blue Mountains.

Occurs naturally in **rainforest** north from the Hunter Valley.

Notes

Introduced tree to 15 m high. Seeds with fleshy **aril**. Bark smooth. Leaves, branchlets, and fruit rusty-hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 7–20 cm long, **compound**, with 4–8 leaflets each mostly 3–14 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, margins toothed, tips blunt or pointed. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers pinkish red, 2–4 mm in diameter, **calyx** shallowly lobed, with 0 **petals**. Flowers in 1–7 flowered clusters. Seed cases green to greyish, unlobed or 2–3 lobed. Seeds black, with red **arils**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf1&lvl=sp&name=Alectryon-tomentosus> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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