

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



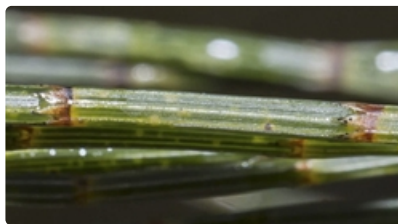
Male flowers on stems. Photographer Chris Lindorff, Willum Nature Reserve east of Melbourne, Vic



Female flowers on stems. Photographer Russell Best, near Princetown, Vic



Cones. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Little Desert National Park, Vic



Branchlet. Photographer Steve Burrows, SE Forests National Park



Shrub. Photographer Russell Best, near Mallacoota, Vic

Common name

Swamp she-oak, Scrub sheoak

Family

Casuarinaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and near swamps. Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

Notes

Spreading shrub to 3 m high. Bark smooth, grey. Plants green or grey depending on the hairiness of the **articles**. Branchlets pointing up or curved, to 20 cm long. Articles usually densely hairy in the furrows; ridges flat or slightly rounded-convex, occasionally hairy, usually with a longitudinal groove down the middle. Leaves very small, forming **whorls** of teeth on the

branchlets. Teeth 5-8, pointing up or spreading, not overlapping, often withering. Male and female flowers on the same plant or on different plants. Male flowers brown, in **spikes**, female flowers red, in tight clusters, appearing single. Male spikes 10–25 mm long, 7–9 whorls per cm. **Cone** body 10–23 mm long, 7–13 mm in diameter, **bracteoles** thickly woody and convex, squared off to blunt. Mature 'seeds' 3.5–5 mm long, dark brown or black, shining, with one **wing**.

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

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