

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Bermagui



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, beach below Bogola Head south of Narooma



Flowers, fruit, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Bega

Common name

Sea box, Southern alyxia

Family

Apocynaceae

Where found

Chiefly on coastal cliff faces and dunes, also in more protected coastal sites. South from Durras, north of Batemans Bay.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high, rarely **scrambling**. Fruit fleshy. Stems hairless. Leaves opposite each other or in **whorls** of 3, 1–4.5 cm long, 5–25 mm wide, thick, hairless, upper surface dark green, lower surface paler, margins curved down, tips blunt and often with a **mucro**. Flowers fragrant, white or cream, turning yellow or orange with age, 7–8.5 mm long, tubular, with 4–5 lobes 2–5 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 4 to about 8 flowers. Fruit red to orange. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Alyxia~buxifolia> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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