

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Fleshy Mistletoe

Family

Loranthaceae

Where found

Parasitises a variety of species, commonly on *Acacia*, *Exocarpos*, *Eremophila*, *Myoporum*, *Santalum*, and other mistletoes. Western Slopes.

Notes

Mistletoe. Young stems sparsely hairy, becoming hairless. Plants attached to the host by a bulbous union. **External runners** absent. Fruit fleshy, sticky. Leaves mostly opposite each other, 3-11 cm long, 3-25 mm wide, somewhat fleshy, surfaces hairless, sometimes **glaucous**, tips blunt or pointed. Flowers red, 8-25 mm long, with 4 or 5 **petals**, finally free from each other to the base when the flowers are fully open. Flowers in 3s (triads), the central flower stalkless, the **lateral** flowers stalked. Triads in pairs or 3s. Flowers mainly Dec.-Apr. Ripe fruit yellow or red to purple or black, elliptical, 8-10 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Amyema~miraculosa+subsp.~boormanii> (accessed 3 January, 2020)

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