Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Brush mistletoe

Family

Loranthaceae

Where found

Parasitic on many species of rainforest trees. Coast and ranges north of Nowra.

Notes

Mistletoe, stems about 0.6 m long, **spreading** to drooping. Plants attached to the host by a bulbous union. **External runners** present. Fruit fleshy, sticky. Stems hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 6-13 cm long, 20-60 mm wide, upper surface usually shining, lower surface dull, tips pointed to rounded. Flowers usually red or orange, often grading into green and yellow near the tips, 28-40 mm long, tubular, with 6 lobes. Flowers held **erect**, in clusters with 1-6 pairs either of single flowers or of 3 flowers. Ripe fruit red, purple, or black, more or less round, 10-14 mm long.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl? page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Amylotheca~dictyophleba (accessed 3 January, 201)

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