

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Newnes State Forest near Lithgow



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Newnes State Forest near Lithgow

Common name

None

Family

Araliaceae

Where found

Variety of **habitats**. Coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands, north from Morton National Park. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Younger stems **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), sometimes almost hairless and purplish on the sunward surfaces. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, usually 4–15 cm long, 3–26 mm wide, upper surface smooth, lower surface with a dense covering of hairs, the **midvein** and usually the **lateral veins** evident in relief, margins **entire**; tips pointed or rarely narrow and blunt. Flowers small, with 5 **petals**, white to cream. **Inflorescence** either to 25 cm long and hairy throughout with the pale stem surfaces obscured, or to 60 cm long and almost hairless with the axes variably purplish beneath the hairs.

The forms (f. Coastal and f. Inland) mentioned in PlantNET are Excluded Names in the Australian Plant Names Index.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Astrotricha~longifolia> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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