

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney



Spent flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne

## Common name

Brown Myrtle, Brush Turpentine

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Rainforest** margins on poorer soils, often near watercourses or on ridges in wet **forest**. North from the Sydney area and the Blue Mountains.

## Notes

**Shrub** or tree to 12 m tall. Bark rough, somewhat flaky. Branchlets Young stems and flower clusters rusty-hairy. Leaves smelling of eucalyptus when rubbed, opposite each other, 5–15 cm long, 15–55 mm wide, upper surface green, lower surface rusty or greyish hairy, margins often minutely scalloped and more or less curved down, tips gradually tapering to a point. Flowers cream, rusty-hairy, with 4-5 small **petals**, stalkless, in tight globular clusters. **Stamens** 4–8 mm long, Flowers July–Sept.

PlantNET description: <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Backhousia~leptopetala> (accessed 11 January, 2021)

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