

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male cones. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Mature cones and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Nerriga



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Nerriga

Common name

Pygmy cypress pine

Family

Cupressaceae

Where found

Open **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, and stream banks. Eastern edge of the tablelands in the Corang River catchment, south of Nerriga and west of Lake Conjola.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 5 m high. Bark hard and compacted. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, dark green, usually 0.4–0.5 cm long, in **whorls** of 3, scale-like, **keeled** on the back, the bases **appressed** to the branchlets, giving the stem an angular appearance. Male and female **cones** on the same tree. Male cones single or in clusters of 2–5, oval, to 2 mm long. Female cones stalkless or on short fruiting branchlets occurring singly or in dense clusters on the branches and remaining after maturity. Mature female cones woody, oval, 14–18 mm long, 10–15 mm in diameter. Alternate **cone scales** about half as long as the intervening scales. Seeds numerous, dark brown; **wings** 2 or 3, about 2 mm wide.

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NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10132> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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

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