

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Jan Smith, Brisbane



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Denise Grieg, unknown place



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Trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Malanda Falls Conservation Park, Qld



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, Vic

## Common name

Black bean, Moreton Bay chestnut

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Planted in parks and as street trees in and around Sydney. Naturally occurs north from west of Coffs Harbour, where it occurs in **rainforest**, especially along rivers.

## Notes

**Introduced** tree to 35 m high. Bark dark brown, smooth or wrinkled, with lighter transverse brown lines and longitudinal lines of grey blisters. Stems mostly hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 25–60 cm long; **compound**, with 9–19 leaflets, each 7–20 cm long, 12–50 mm wide, hairless, upper surface glossy, lower surface paler and dull, margins **entire**, tips pointed. Flowers yellow, orange, or red, 30–40 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, in clusters 5–15 cm long. Flowers spring.

Native to northern NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Castanospermum-australe>

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