

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Seed cases and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bunya Mountains National Park SW of Kingaroy, Qld

## Common name

Large-leaved Staff Vine

## Family

Celastraceae

## Where found

**Forest.** Coast and ranges north of Nowra.

## Notes

Twining or **scrambling shrub**. Seeds with a fleshy **aril**. Stems mostly red-brown or dark brown with numerous prominent pale **lenticels**, hairy when young, becoming hairless. Young branchlets with narrow **scales** to 4 mm long, (the margins more or less **entire**) at the base. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5–15 cm long, 20–70 mm wide, margins entire or toothed, tips pointed. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers 3–5 mm in diameter, with 5 yellowish green **petals**, in branched clusters. Female flowers sometimes with **stamens** that do not produce pollen, smaller than male stamens. Flowering: November–December. Seed cases yellow to orange, the inner surface with few or no red spots, 5–10 mm long. Seeds with an orange to red or yellow-green aril completely surrounding the seed.

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