

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Coleraine, Vic



Leafy branches with pods. Photographer Jon Sullivan, New Zealand

## Common name

Tagasaste, Tree lucerne

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Open **woodland**, **heath**, grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, around old habitations, and along streams and drainage lines. Widespread, mainly north from the ACT.

## Notes

**Introduced shrub** or small tree to 6 m tall. Younger branches softly hairy, olive green to greyish-brown. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, to 7 cm long, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 1-5 cm long, 4-16 mm wide, upper surface dark green, mostly hairless, lower surface covered in soft hairs, paler green, margins **entire**, tips pointed. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 cream to white **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Calyx** 9-10 mm long, **standard** petal 14-17 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 3-7. Flowers Autumn to Spring.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Chamaecytisus-palmensis> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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