

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Mumbulla State Forest north of Bega



Fruiting stem. Photographer Don Wood, Bangalee Reserve west of Nowra



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Coffs Harbour

Common name

Water vine, Jungle grape, Five-leaved water vine

Family

Vitaceae

Where found

Rainforest and moist gullies. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Large woody climber, stems to more than 20 m long. Fruit fleshy. Young growth rusty-hairy with 2-branched hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 11.5-24 cm long, **compound**; with 5 leaflets (3 on **juvenile** plants), each 3–15 cm long, 15–50 mm wide, margins **entire** or sparsely toothed towards the tips (regularly toothed on juvenile plants), upper surface green and hairless, lower surface **glaucous** and often hairy. No **domatia**. Tendrils 2-branched, rarely unbranched. Flowers yellow, with usually 4 **petals** each 1.5–3 mm long. Flowers in large branched clusters. Flowers mostly spring–summer. Grapes purple to blackish, often with a greyish bloom, globular, about 10-15 mm in diameter.

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

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