

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers. Photographer Avenue, New Zealand



Flowering stems with female flowers. Photographer Don Wood, Wallaga Lake north of Berragui



Fruiting stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer G McEwin, Adelaide Hills, SA



Shrub. Photographer John Tann, south of Kiama

## Common name

Taupata, New Zealand Laurel, Mirror Bush

## Family

Rubiaceae

## Where found

**Forest, shrubland**, coastal headlands, and beaches. Coastal.

## Notes

**Introduced** tree to **prostrate shrub** to 8 m high. Fruit fleshy. Branches stout, hairless to hairy. Leaves opposite each other, 2–8 cm long, 10–50 mm wide, shining, hairless, **domatia** prominent on the lower surface, tips blunt, squared off, or notched. Male and female flowers on different plants. Male flowers about 5 mm long, funnel-shaped, with 4-6 lobes lobes about the same length as the tube. Female flowers about 3 mm long, tubular, the lobes shorter than the tube. Male flowers in dense clusters; female flowers usually in 3-flowered clusters. Flowering: spring–summer. Fruit orange-red, about 6-10 mm in diameter, oval to almost round.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

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

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