

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leaves. Photographer Peter Woodard, unknown place



Trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mullumbimby Heritage Garden, Mullumbimby

## Common name

Murrogun, Brown Jack

## Family

Lauraceae

## Where found

**Forest.** Coast and ranges north from the Bega district.

## Notes

Tree to 25 m high. Trunk not buttressed. Fruit fleshy. Bark grey and corky on small trees, greyish to reddish and scaly on large trees. Young stems cylindrical, covered in straight, **appressed**, fawn hairs, eventually becoming almost hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 6–12 cm long, 20–45 mm wide, **midrib** raised and rounded below, slightly raised above, whitish, both surfaces hairless, upper surface green and glossy, lower surface paler and often somewhat **glaucous**, tips bluntly pointed. Flowers not perfumed, yellowish to cream, 3–4 mm long, with 6 '**petals**' each 1.4–1.9 mm long. Flower clusters shorter than to longer than the leaves. Flowers Sept.–Nov. Fruit black, globular to oval or elliptical, pointed, 11–14 mm long, ripe Dec.–July.

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

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