

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Booderee National Park, Jervis Bay Territory



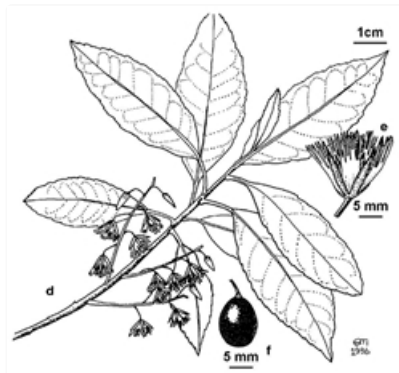
Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Bangalee Reserve west of Nowra



Fruiting stem. Photographer Don Wood, Booderee National Park, Jervis Bay Territory



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown



Line drawings. BM Mayfield, d. flowering branch; e. flower; f. fruit. National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Blueberry Ash, Ash Quandong, Blue Olive berry, Fairy Petticoats, Fringe Tree, Koda, Lily of the valley Tree, Scrub Ash

## Family

Elaeocarpaceae

## Where found

**Forest**, moist gullies, and along streams. Coast and ranges.

## Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 30 m tall. Fruit fleshy. Trunk sometimes flanged at the base. Bark brown or grey, smooth or wrinkled, with horizontal

markings and vertical cracks, and with numerous irregular blisters and **lenticels**. Stems hairless to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5–15 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, almost hairless, margins toothed, small hairy and often reddish **domatia** in the **vein** angles along the **midrib** (handlens/macro app on your mobile phone needed), a joint or swelling present at the tops of the leaf stalks. Flowers with 4–5 white, occasionally pink, **petals** each 7–9 mm long, fringed or deeply lobed. Flower clusters mostly 5–8 cm long. Flowers Spring to Summer. Fruit bright to dark blue, 8–12 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Elaeocarpus-reticulatus> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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