

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants Key, photographer B Jago



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Boyne State Forest north of Batemans Bay



Stems with seed cases. Photographer Don Wood, Bawley Point north of Batemans Bay



Open seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants Key, photographer unknown

Common name

Wombat berry

Family

Asparagaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, and near streams. Coast and ranges. Occasionally in the mountainous parts of the tablelands.

Notes

Vine or **shrub**, stems to about 10 m long, with short **rhizomes**. Fruit somewhat fleshy. Seeds with fleshy **arils**. Stems hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2.5–12 cm long, 3–40 mm wide, dull, all **veins** equally distinct, upper surface a different colour from lower surface, tips pointed. Flowers white to pale pink or mauve, 10–18 mm in diameter, with 6 '**petals**', the inner 3 fringed with long wavy hairs. Flowers in few flowered clusters. Seed cases yellow to orange, oval, 10–20 mm in diameter. Seeds black, with white arils partly enclosing the seeds. Flowers spring–summer.

Family Luzuriagaceae in PlantNET.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Eustrephus-latifolius> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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