

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Fruit and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Adelaide Botanic Gardens.



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Hexham, NW of Newcastle

Common name

Deciduous fig

Family

Moraceae

Where found

Rainforest and rocky sites. Coast and ranges north from Milton.

Notes

Tree to 35 m high, with buttresses at the base, more or less **deciduous**. A strangler, first an **epiphyte** on the host tree, and then forming a massive trunk of joined roots around the host tree. Bark grey, smooth. Stems hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 7–15 cm long, 20–60 mm wide, hairless, relatively thin, tips mostly bluntly pointed, bases slightly **cordate**, leaf stalks sometimes with a joint at the top. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Individual flowers very small, inside the figs. Figs more or less round, 15–25 mm in diameter, yellowish, turning reddish or purple-black, with pale spots. Figs single, ripe January–July.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ficus~henneana> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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