

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Ripe fruit. Photographer Peter Woodard



Base of trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tooloom National Park, NSW, SE of Warwick, Qld



Line drawings in: JH Maiden *The Forest Flora of New South Wales* (1903-1924) (Plate 33)

Common name

White beech

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Rainforest and near streams. Coast and ranges north of Berry.

Notes

Tree to 40 m high, often semi-**deciduous**. Fruit fleshy. Trunks of older trees with basal flanges. Bark greyish or brownish, becoming scaly. Young stems densely hairy with fawn **simple** hairs, remaining hairy or becoming hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 8–20 cm long, 50–180 mm wide, margins **entire** (or irregularly toothed in **juvenile** trees), somewhat leathery, upper surface dark green and almost hairless, lower surface fawnish hairy and with prominently raised **veins**. Flowers creamy-white with yellow and purple markings, 20–25 mm long, tubular, 2-lipped, 5-lobed. Flowers in more or less pyramidal clusters 10–25 cm long. Fruit blue to purple when ripe, flattened globular, 15–25 mm in diameter.

Family was Verbenaceae.

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

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