

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, garden at Coffs Harbour



Leafy stems. Photographer Peter Woodard, Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens

## Common name

Smooth Helicia, Pale Helicia, Pale Oak, Leather Oak, Brown Oak

## Family

Proteaceae

## Where found

**Rainforest** and near streams. Coast and ranges north from near Kiama.

## Notes

**Shrub** or tree to 15 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark grey or brown, smooth or finely wrinkled, with small warts and horizontal ridges. Young branchlets sparsely rusty-hairy, becoming hairless with age. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5–15 cm long, 15–45 mm wide, leathery, hairless, glossy, margins **entire** or with a few irregular teeth towards the tips, tips pointed. Flowers white or cream to pink, 8–13 mm long, tubular, with 4 '**petals**'. Flowers in elongated clusters 4–10 cm long. Fruit dark blue, oval, about 12 mm in diameter, hairless, ripe June–Nov.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Helicia~glabriflora> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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