

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, near Culburra, Jervis Bay, NSW



Flowers, seed cases, leaves, and trunk
Photographer Jackie Miles



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Woy Woy

Common name

Norfolk Island hibiscus

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Occasionally **naturalised**. Grassy areas and near coastal lakes. Mostly coastal, north of Merimbula.

Native of Norfolk Island and Lord Howe Island.

Notes

Introduced tree to 20 m tall. Bark rough, finely fissured. Young stems covered in minute **scurfy scales**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4-15 cm long, 13-50 mm wide, almost leathery, lower surface pale, densely covered with **appressed** scales, tips blunt. Flowers 35-80 mm long, with 5 **petals** 40-45 mm long, pinky red to pink or mauve, sometimes yellow towards the base, fading to white, single, appearing to be in clusters. Flowers Summer.

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

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