

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Stems with flowers and young fruit. Photographer Jackie Miles



Stems with flowers and ripe fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tas



Flowering and fruiting plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tas

## Common name

Pale Currant-bush

## Family

Santalaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, often in shallow rocky soil. Ranges and the eastern edge of the tablelands south of the Hume Highway.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m high; branches almost cylindrical to prominently angular, longitudinally ridged. Fruit slightly fleshy. Leaves narrow to triangular, about 0.1 cm long, lost early. Flowers white, frequently flushed reddish-pink upon ageing, with 4-6 '**petals**' each 0.5–0.75 mm long. Flowers in elongated clusters of 6–15 flowers. Flowers Nov.–Dec. Fruit oval to almost round, 3–6 mm long, green, ripening reddish.

Rare Vic.

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

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