

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



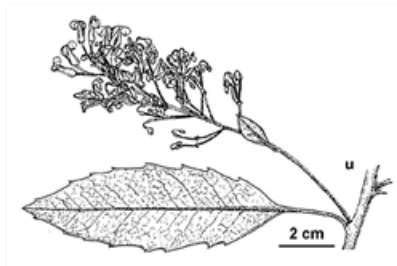
Flowers and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Mt Stirling



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Munga State Forest east of Braidwood



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Common name

Silky Lomatia, Tree Lomatia, Forest Lomatia

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Forest. Ranges, mainly south of the Kings Highway.

Notes

Shrub or tree to about 10 m high. Bark rough, with longitudinal fissures and horizontal **lenticels**, grey to dark brown. Buds and young stems rusty-hairy with **appressed** T-shaped hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), older stems eventually becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6–13 cm long, 10–35 mm wide, margins deeply or shallowly toothed, occasionally **entire**, or sometimes deeply **dissected**; upper surface dull green and hairless, lower surface pale yellow-green and dull or **silky** with appressed fine hairs, sometimes rusty hairy, tips blunt to pointed. Flowers white to cream, densely hairy, tubular, the tube slit by the **style** in bud, with 4 '**petals**' 7–9 mm long, splitting to the base when the flower is fully open. Flowers paired, in clusters 8–12 cm long. Flowers summer. Seeds with one **wing**.

Intergrades with *Lomatia myricoides* or with *Lomatia ilicifolia* when they grow together.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?>

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