

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, near Bodalla



Fruit. Photographer Malcolm Storey, England



Plant. Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Japanese honeysuckle, Honeysuckle vine

Family

Caprifoliaceae

Where found

Rainforest, bushland, grassy areas, disturbed sites, along streams, and moist gullies. Widespread. Rarely on the tablelands, Kosciuszko National Park and Western Slopes.

Notes

Introduced climber or **scrambling shrub**, to 10 m high, **evergreen** or **semideciduous**, rooting from the **nodes**. Fruit fleshy. Young stems hairy, greenish or reddish, often with horizontal ridges between the leaf bases. Older stems may be thick and woody, developing greyish bark as they age. Leaves opposite each other, 2.5–8 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, tips pointed to blunt, both surfaces sparsely hairy but upper surface becoming hairless with age, margins usually **entire**, **juvenile** leaves sometimes somewhat lobed. Flowers fragrant, white, often pink to purplish outside, turning yellowish with age, 20–50 mm long, tubular, 2-lipped, the upper lip with 4 lobes, the lower lip 1-lobed. Flowers paired in clusters. Ripe fruit shiny black, oval, 5–10 mm long.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Pest plant ACT.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lonicera~japonica> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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