

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Unripe fruit and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Border Ranges National Park, NSW



Fruiting branch. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Border Ranges National Park, NSW



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Border Ranges National Park, NSW

Common name

Cockspur thorn

Family

Moraceae

Where found

Forest and stream banks. Coast and ranges north from Milton.

Notes

Woody climber or straggling **shrub**. Fruit fleshy. '**Petals**' fleshy. Spines 5–25 mm long along the smaller stems. Young stems hairy with fine hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–8 cm long, 15–35 mm wide, hairless, lower surface paler than upper surface, tips pointed. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers green to yellowish, '**petals**' about 3–3.5 mm long. Male flowers with 4 '**petals**'; female flowers with 3–4 '**petals**'. Flowers in globular **heads**, male heads 5–8 mm in diameter, female heads 10–12 mm in diameter. Multiple fruit yellow to orange, more or less globular, 10–20 mm in diameter.

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

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