

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Broad-leaved paperbark, Paperbark

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Rainforest, coastal swamps and coastal lake margins. Coastal north from Wollongong. Occasionally in the mountains to the west of Sydney.

Notes

Tree to 25 m tall. Bark papery, flaking in large patches. Stems sparsely hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 3-10 cm long, 8-25 mm wide, tips blunt, surfaces mostly with 5 prominent longitudinal **veins**, often hairy with **appressed** hairs. Flower **spikes** white to cream, sometimes greenish, many-flowered, mostly 20-50 mm long. Individual flowers with 5 **petals** each 2-4 mm long. **Stamens** 8-12 mm long. Flowers Autumn to Winter.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Melaleuca~quinquenervia> (accessed 25 January, 2021)

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