

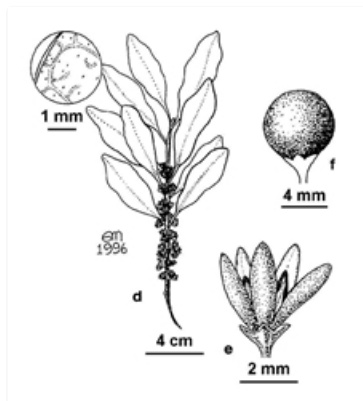
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Mbruya State Forest west of Mbruya



Fruiting stem. Photographer Ilma Dunn, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



Line drawings (as *Rapanea howittiana*). d. flowering branch; e. flower; f. fruit.
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Common name

Brush muttonwood

Family

Primulaceae

Where found

Forest, wet **forest** margins, and near streams. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 20 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark smooth, grey. Young stems rusty-hairy, soon becoming hairless. **Lenticels** prominent on older stems. Buds at the tips of the stems densely hairy with rusty red hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3.3–13 cm long, 10–45 mm wide, margins wavy and transparent, **entire** at maturity, often irregularly toothed when young, upper surface shiny and dark green, lower surface duller and paler, **veins** faint, tips rounded or broadly pointed; leaf stalks 7–20 mm long. Flowers appear bisexual, though functioning as male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers greenish-white to cream, 2–3.5 mm long, with 4–5 **petals** fused at the base. Flowers in clusters of 5–10 flowers, the clusters often running into each other. Flowers autumn–summer. Fruit blue, mauve, or whitish, 5–7 mm in diameter.

Family was Myrsinaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Myrsine-howittiana> (accessed 28 January, 2021)

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