

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Ian McMaster, north of Brisbane, Qld



Young plant. Photographer Ian McMaster, north of Brisbane, Qld

Common name

A native olive

Family

Oleaceae

Where found

Forest and **heath**. Coastal north of Tomakin. Ranges north from west of Wollongong.

Notes

Shrub to 1 m high. Young stems minutely hairy. Buds at the bases of the leaves 2–4, pointed, hairy with minute hairs. Leaves opposite each other, 2–14 cm long, 12–60 mm wide, about twice as long as broad, tips pointed and often with a small abrupt point, margins finely scalloped, surfaces hairless or hairy with minute hairs when young; **venation** raised and strongly **reticulate**. Flowers with 4 pale yellow **petals** 1.4–2.5 mm long, more or less free from each other except joined in 2 pairs at the base. Flower clusters 5–9-flowered. Flowering: summer. Fruit purplish black, only a little longer than broad, 8–12 mm long, 5–10 mm wide.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Notelaea-ovata> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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