

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Drooping tree-pear, Drooping pear, Smooth tree-pear

## Family

Cactaceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, pastures, grasslands, roadsides, railways, disturbed sites, waste areas, stream banks, and sometimes also coastal environs. Mainly in the Sydney area and north. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced** bushy or treelike plant to 7 m tall, sometimes with a woody trunk. Spines on branches, flower bases, and fruit. fleshy stem **segments** and fruit. Stem segments very flattened. Leaves soon shed, 0.2-0.3 cm long, cylindrical or **cone**-shaped, spirally arranged. Flowers 30-75 mm in diameter, yellow with reddish markings on the undersides, and many '**petals**', borne singly along the margins of the stem segments. Fruit red to reddish purple.

A Weed of National Significance. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions all NSW. Pest plant ACT. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Opuntia~monacantha> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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