

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower clusters. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Chichester State Forest north of Maitland



Leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Base of trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tapin Tops National Park north of Gloucester

Common name

Brown beech

Family

Pennantiaceae

Where found

Rainforest, and rocky gullies near streams. Coast and ranges north from Monga National Park east of Braidwood. Mostly north from Nowra..

Notes

Tree to 30 m high. Fruit fleshy. Trunk irregularly **fluted**. Bark dark grey to brown, often with corky warts and small **scales**. Branchlets hairless, often strongly zigzagged, **lenticels** prominent. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 7–18 cm long, 40–80 mm wide, soft, both surfaces hairless and glossy, pit-like **domatia** prominent, mainly in the forks of the **secondary veins**, margins **entire**, usually wavy, sometimes toothed in **juvenile** leaves, tips tapering to a point, pointed, or rarely blunt. Bisexual and male flowers on different plants. Flowers white, with 5 **petals**, each 3–4 mm long, curved back. Flowers in branched clusters 5–12 cm long. Fruit black, oval, 10–16 mm long, 7–9 mm in diameter. Flowering: Chiefly summer.

Family was Icacinaeae.

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

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