

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key



Green fruit. Photographer © Mauricio Mercadante, unknown place



Leafy branch with fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Norfolk Island



Flowering and fruiting tree. Photographer Bart Wursten, Zimbabwe

## Common name

Avocado

## Family

Lauraceae

## Where found

Occasionally **naturalised**. Sydney area and north.

## Notes

**Introduced** tree or **shrub** to 15 m high. Fruit fleshy. Young growth covered with **appressed**, whitish hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 10–30 cm long, 40–100 mm wide, leathery, upper surface dark green, hairless or with sparse hairs, lower surface **glaucous** and sparsely hairy, **secondary veins** prominent. Flowers yellowish green, 6–7 mm long, with 6 '**petals**' about 4–6 mm long. Flowers in many-flowered clusters. Fruit yellow-green to dark green, purple, or black, pear-shaped or round, mostly 8–15 cm long, sometimes fruit 5–7 cm long at the end of the season or on some naturalized plants.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Persea-americana> (accessed 4 April 2021)

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