

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown



Fruit and flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown



Trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tooloom National Park, NSW, SE of Warwick, Qld

Common name

black apple, wild plum, yellow buttonwood, black plum, yellow bulletwood

Family

Sapotaceae

Where found

Forest and stream banks. North from the Nowra district. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Tree to 30 m high. Fruit fleshy. Trunk strongly **fluted** and flanged at the base in larger trees. Bark wrinkled with short longitudinal fissures, sometimes corky. Young stems hairy with **appressed** brownish T-shaped hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), soon becoming hairless; **lenticels** often prominent. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6–16 cm long, 20–50 mm wide, thick and leathery, becoming hairless, upper surface shiny, lower surface paler green, tips blunt or bluntly pointed. Flowers green or whitish, with 5 **petals**, each 3–5 mm long, fused to about half-way. Flowers single or in 2–6 flowered clusters. Fruit purplish or blue black, oval or round, 20–60 mm long, 2–5-seeded. Seeds brown and shiny with a whitish elongate scar, about 20 mm long. Fruit ripe Sept.–Nov.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Planchonella-australis> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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