

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Female cones. Photographer Jackie Miles, Lake Illawarra



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer IG Holliday, unknown place.

Common name

Plum pine, Brown pine

Family

Podocarpaceae

Where found

In and around **forest**, and along streams. Coastal north from Jervis Bay.

Notes

Tree to 40 m high. Stalks of seeds fleshy. Bark brown to dark brown bark, fibrous, often fissured and scaly on old trees. Stems longitudinally ribbed, hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, crowded, 3–18 cm long, 6–18 mm wide, tips pointed or blunt, surfaces glossy, dark green. Male and female **cones** on different plants. Male cones narrow-cylindrical, 20–50 mm long. Female cones when ripe consisting of an almost round blue-black waxy seed 8–15 mm in diameter, with a blue-black or purple, **glaucous**, fleshy stalk 15–25 mm long. Male cones in clusters of 2–4, female cones single. Female cones ripe Mar.-July.

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

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