

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Tamara Hrová, Czech Republic



Ripe plums on branch. Photographer Luigi Rignanese, Italy



Tree. Photographer Miroslav Dertl, Czech Republic

Common name

Plum

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Widespread but not common.

Notes

Introduced deciduous shrub or tree to 10 m high, often suckering from the roots. Fruit fleshy, edible. Young plants sometimes spiny. Young twigs usually hairy with short hairs, dull. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4–10 cm long, 15–50 mm wide, tips pointed, margins scalloped or toothed, surfaces hairless or hairy above, hairy below. Flowers white, with 5 **petals**. Flowers single or in clusters of 2–3 on short side branches, appearing with or before the leaves. Fruit purple, red, yellow or green, round to oval, 1–3.5 cm diameter, hairless, with a waxy bloom. Flowers Sep.–Nov.

Family was Amygdalaceae.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/bbbc69c7-f079-4f33-8ae3-25ec7408e943> (accessed 14 March 2021)

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