

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, South Brooman State Forest north of Batemans Bay



Leafy stem. Photographer Craig Hodge, Bellbird Nature Refuge near Warwick, Qld



Trunks. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer D Grieg, unknown place

## Common name

Scrub turpentine, Brown malletwood

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Forest**, **rainforest** margins, and moist gullies. Coast and ranges north from Batemans Bay. Eastern part of the tablelands north from Lithgow.

## Notes

**Shrub** or tree to 25 m tall. Fruit fleshy. Trunks sometimes moderately buttressed or **fluted**. Bark fissured and scaly, reddish-brown. Young stems densely hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 5-11 cm long, 20-50 mm wide, tips pointed, upper surface green and sparsely hairy, lower surface paler and sparsely to densely hairy with **erect** hairs; strongly 3-veined from the base, oil **glands** distinct, moderately dense. Flowers with 4 white **petals** each 4-5 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 1-3 flowers or more, at the base of paired leaves. Fruit red turning black, crowned by the persistent **sepals**, roundish, 5-8 mm in diameter. Flowers Winter to Spring.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rhodamnia~rubescens> (accessed 4 February, 2021)

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