

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaf. Photographer Don Wood, Bodalla State Forest near Bodalla



Fruit, leaf, and stem. Photographer Jackie Mles



Vine. Photographer Jackie Mles

## Common name

Pearl vine

## Family

Menispermaceae

## Where found

**Forest, shrubland**, sand dunes, and along streams. Coast and ranges.

## Notes

Sprawling twiner to woody climber with stems to several metres long. Petals and fruit fleshy. Older stems with woody warty outgrowths. Stems hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4–15 cm long, 20–150 mm wide, more or less leathery, hairless; prominently 7-veined from the base, **veins** prominently raised on both surfaces, bases usually **cordate**, sometimes slightly **peltate** with the stalk inserted up to 3 mm from the basal margin of the leaf, margins **entire** or occasionally with a few teeth, tips blunt or gradually tapering to a point. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers red-yellow, white or cream to pink, or greenish, with 2-6 **petals** each about 2-3 mm long. Flowers in elongated clusters 2-16 cm long. Flowering: summer. Fruit red to orange when ripe, round to pear shaped, 5–10 mm long and wide.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Sarcopetalum-harveyanum> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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