

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Woodstock, NSW



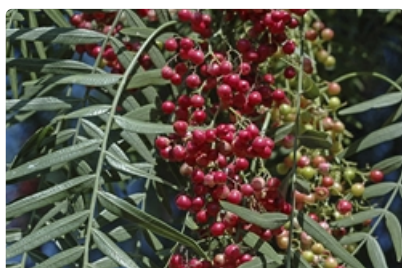
Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Tree. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Fruiting stem and bark. Photographer Don Wood, Boundary Bend, Vic



Leaves and fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Woodstock, NSW

## Common name

Peppercorn, Pepper Tree, Peruvian mastic tree, Pepperina

## Family

Anacardiaceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, and along streams. Sydney area. Western slopes. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced** tree to 14 m tall. Fruit fleshy. Bark rough, flaky. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless, drooping. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 8-25 cm long, 40-90 mm wide, with 15-41 leaflets, the leaflets 1.5-6 cm long, 2-10 mm wide, mostly hairless, margins **entire**, sometimes toothed, tips pointed. Male and female flowers on different plants, with some flowers bisexual. Flowers with 4-5 white or creamy **petals** 1.8-2.5 mm long, in drooping branched clusters. Fruit bluish pink to red, round, 3-6 mm in diameter.

*Schinus molle* in Vic. Was *Schinus areira* in NSW.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Schinus~molle+var.~areira> (accessed 14 April 2021)

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