

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants key, photographer unknown



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown



Fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants key, photographer B Jago

Common name

Flintwood, Mountain Cherry, Brown Birch, Scolopia

Family

Salicaceae

Where found

Forest. Coast and ranges north from Jervis Bay.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 30 m high. Juvenile and regrowth shoots often with spines at the bases of the leaves. Fruit fleshy. Bark scaly, leaving depressions when the **scales** fall. Branchlets with prominent **lenticels**, more or less hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–12 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, papery, hairless or nearly so, paler below, margins coarsely toothed or angled, especially on **juvenile** plants, or **entire** to scalloped, tips gradually tapering to a point to blunt. Flowers with 4 cream to yellow **petals** each 1–3 mm long and 4 whitish green **sepals** 1–2 mm long, wider than the petals. Flowers in few- to many-flowered clusters 2–4 cm long. Fruit red turning black, more or less oval, 8–12 mm in diameter.

Family was Flacourtiaceae.

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

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