

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key, photographer S Breeden

Common name

Maiden's blush, Blush alder, Blush carrabeen, Blush carrobean, Cudgerie

Family

Elaeocarpaceae

Where found

Rainforest and moist gullies. Coast and ranges north from Kangaroo Valley.

Notes

Tree to 30 m high, crooked, often with young shoots near the base of the trunk. **Arils** on the seeds fleshy. Tree bases often flanged, larger trees buttressed. Bark scaly or with shallow fissures. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, sometimes almost opposite each other, 7–30 cm long, 30–100 mm wide, bases more or less **cordate**, margins toothed, both surfaces hairless, **domatia** absent. New foliage often reddish. Flowers white or cream to greenish, with 4 or 5 **petals** each about 15–20 mm long. Flowers single or in few- to many-flowered clusters. Flowering: spring to summer. Seeds covered by a fleshy scarlet **aril**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Sloanea~australis> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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