

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens north of Moruya



Young seed cases and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens, Adelaide, SA

Common name

Scrub Beefwood, Red Silky Oak

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Forest and wet gullies. Coast and ranges north from Batemans Bay.

Notes

Shrub or tree to about 30 m high. Bark dark brown, more or less fissured and finely scaly. Young branchlets rusty-hairy, soon hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4–11 cm long, 10–45 mm wide, leathery, dark green above, paler and dull below, hairless, tips pointed or blunt. 3, sometimes more, longitudinal **veins** present though the veins are often not prominent. **Adult** leaves **entire**. **Juvenile** leaves variable, sometimes deeply lobed or **compound**. Flowers white yellowish or greenish white, 8–12 mm long, tubular in bud, the tube slightly slit on the lower side while in bud, with 4 '**petals**' free from each other when the flowers are fully open. Flowers in 10–30-flowered clusters, 1–3 clusters together. Flowers autumn to summer. Seeds with a membranous outer **wing** folded round the inner wing.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Steenocarpus~salignus> (accessed 11 April 2021)

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