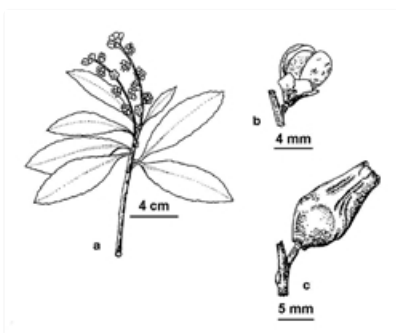


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leafy stems. Photographer Jackie Miles



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Common name

Buff hazelwood

Family

Symplocaceae

Where found

Forest. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 20 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark smooth, becoming blistered on larger trees. Branchlets hairless, **lenticels** prominent. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6–17 cm long, 15–60 mm wide, leathery, hairless, margins usually toothed, tips pointed, **midrib** often broad and yellowish. Flowers bisexual, often functionally unisexual with male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers white, with 5-6 **spreading petals** shortly fused at the base, each 4.5–7 mm long. Flowers in clusters 5–15 cm long. Flowers mostly Sep.–Dec. Fruit bluish or purple to black, 5–15 mm long, 4–8 mm wide, oval to flask-shaped.

Endangered Vic. Listed in the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Symplocos-thwaitesii> (accessed 9 February, 2021)

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