

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch with nuts. Photographer Don Wood, Colymea State Forest south west of Nowra



Nuts and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles. cultivated plant.



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer F Howe, Booderee Botanic Gardens, Jervis Bay Territory

Common name

Turpentine

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Wet **forest** and **rainforest** margins. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands, north from west of Bawley Point. Planted elsewhere.

Notes

Tree to 50 m tall, sometimes a stunted **shrub**. Bark fibrous to stringy, furrowed, greyish. Young stems densely hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other or **alternating** up the stems, crowded into **whorls** of four at the ends of the branchlets, 5-12 cm long, 15-45 mm wide, upper surface dull green, lower surface usually white-hairy. Flowers white or cream, with 4-5 **petals**, each 3.5-8 mm long. Flowers fused at the base, in clusters of 7 flowers. **Stamens** 5-10 mm long, apparently in 2 whorls. Flowers Spring to Summer.

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

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