

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Female flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Fruit and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Brush pepperbush, Dorriggo pepper, Scrub pepperbush

Family

Winteraceae

Where found

In or near **rainforest**, and wet gullies. Coast, ranges, and the mountainous parts of the tablelands, north of Narooma.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 5 m high. Fruit fleshy. Stems hairless. Leaves without a distinctive scent when rubbed, but with a peppery taste. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **whorled**, or clustered, 4–20 cm long, 13–55 mm wide, bases usually **auriculate**, surfaces hairless, green and glossy, tips gradually tapering to a point. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers white to cream or yellowish, with 2–4 **petals**, each 5–13 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 1–16 flowers. Flowering: August–November. Fruit usually purplish, sometimes whitish mottled with red, more or less oval, about 12–20 mm long.

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

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