# **Plants of South Eastern New South Wales**



Flow ering and fruiting stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Coffs Harbour



Fruiting stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra ACT



Shrub. Photographer Claire Cooper, Brogo, north of Bega



Line drawings (as *Trema tomentosa* var. *viridis*). b. branch (insert with leaf undersurface). MMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

#### Common name

Native peach, Poison peach

### **Family**

Cannabaceae

## Where found

Regrowth, margins of, and disturbed, rainforest, moist forest, woodland, open rocky areas, and along streams. Sometimes a weed in gardens in the Sydney area and nearby. Coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands.

#### **Notes**

Shrub or tree to 8 m tall. Fruit fleshy. Bark smooth, grey, dotted with small lenticels. Stems hairy, remaining hairy or becoming hairless. Leaves alternating up the stems, 2–13 cm long, 10–30 mm wide, light green, rough, strongly 3-veined from the base, main veins on the lower surface usually hairy, margins toothed. Male, female and bisexual flowers mixed in the same cluster, male flowers predominating. Flowers green to whitish, with 4 or 5 'petals' each about 1.5 mm long. Flowers in few to many-flowered clusters with up to about 50 flowers, the clusters to about 40 mm long. Flowers Summer to Autumn. Fruit shiny black, round to oval, 3-5 mm long.

Family was Ulmaceae.

Was Trema aspera.

Presumed extinct Vic.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl? page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Trema~tomentosa (accessed 23 March, 2021)

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