

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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Common name

Water gum

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Stream beds and along streams. Coast and ranges north from Budderoo National Park near Upper Kangaroo Valley. Occasional farther south.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m tall or small tree. Bark smooth to slightly flaky. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 3.5-9 cm long, 5-15 mm wide, tips pointed, upper surface hairless, lower surface more or less hairless and paler; **veins** obscure; oil **glands** very numerous and conspicuous (visible when the leaf is held up to the light and/or by using the macro app on your phone/tablet). Flowers with 5 yellow **petals** each 6-10 mm long, in 3-s or clusters. Flowers Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tristania-neriifolia> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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