

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Tree Heath, Axebreaker, Sandberry, Wheel-fruit, Waddy Wood

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Forest and stream banks mainly north from Jervis Bay. Occasionally farther south.

Notes

Shrub or crooked tree to 13 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark grey to brownish black, corky, finely fissured to platy or scaly. Hairless. Leaves in pseudowhorls at the ends of the branches, sometimes **alternating** up the stems or opposite each other, 4-8 cm long, 20-40 mm wide, with 5-7 more or less longitudinal **veins**, upper surface glossy and dark green, lower surface paler, tips pointed. Flowers white, tubular, the tube 2-3 mm long, with 5 lobes, the lobes and throat **bearded**. Flowers single or clustered in slender many-flowered interrupted **spikes** 20-40 mm long. Flowering: December-January. Fruit yellowish or purple to black, 6-8 mm in diameter.

Family was Epacridaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Trochocarpa~laurina> (accessed 25 March, 2021)

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