

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Mies



Flowering stems (subsp. *arborescens*),  
Photographer Don Wood, near Tabourri Lake



Flowering stem Australian Plant Image Index,  
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Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer  
Murray Fagg, Tas

## Common name

Stinkwood, Forest Zieria, Tall Zieria

## Family

Rutaceae

## Where found

subsp. *arborescens*: **Rainforest** margins and wet **forest**. Coast and ranges.

subsp. *decurrens*: Dry forest. Only from the Jervis Bay area, mainly in Jervis Bay Territory.

## Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 10 m high. Bark brown, becoming rough. Branchlets slightly to distinctly ridged, often **scurfy** to hairy with **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see) or almost hairless, rarely faintly **glandular**-warty. Leaves with an unpleasant smell when rubbed, opposite each other, usually **compound**, with 3 leaflets, rarely with only one leaflet on the flowering branchlets. Leaflets 2.4–14 cm long, 4–26 mm wide, tips pointed, margins **entire** and more or less curved down; upper surface more or less hairless, dark green; lower surface hairy to stellate-**tomentose**, paler, not warty, but dotted with oil **glands**. Flowers white, with 4 **petals** each 3–7 mm long, and with 4 **stamens**. Flower clusters usually shorter than the leaves, usually 120–500-flowered. Flowers Winter to Summer.

**subsp. arborescens**: Tall robust shrub or small tree to 10 m high. Younger branchlets slightly ridged, scurfy to hairy with short stellate hairs, more rarely almost hairless. Older branchlets rarely faintly glandular warty, hairless or almost hairless.

**subsp. decurrens**: Tall robust shrub to 3 m high. Branchlets distinctly ridged, particularly on the older sections, not warty, hairy on very young branchlets with scattered stellate hairs (more densely between the ridges). Older branches hairless, or rarely more or less hairy in between the ridges.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Zieria~arborescens> (accessed 12 February, 2021)

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