

Croton capitis-york Airy Shaw

Family:

Euphorbiaceae

Airy Shaw, H.K. (1981) *Muelleria* 4(3): 226. Type: Queensland, Silver Plains Holding, between Rocky River and Masony Creek, 12 40 S., 143 28 E., 1973, G. C. Stocker 1077: holo: QRS, iso: BRI, CANB.

Stem

Usually flowers and fruits as a shrub to 5 m tall.

Leaves

Leaf blades about 3-16 x 1.2-6 cm, alternate along the twigs. Two glands present just below leaf blade base at junction with the petiole. Stellate scales present on young leaves, twigs and petioles. Stipules tiny and inconspicuous. Numerous oil dots visible with a lens.

Flowers

Male flowers: Flowers about 4 mm diam. with a corolla, petals clothed in long woolly hairs in upper half. Female flowers not seen.

Fruit

Capsules with dense stellate scales on top of mamillate protuberances (nipple-like projections) on the outer surface.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in CYP and the far northern part of NEQ. Altitudinal range from near sea level to near 500 m. Grows as an understory plant in various types of rain forest and monsoon forest.

Synonyms

Croton capitis-york* Airy Shaw var. *capitis-york, *Muelleria* 4(3): 226(1981). ***Croton capitis-york* var. *pilosus* Airy Shaw**, *Muelleria* 4(3): 226(1981), Type: Queensland, 2 km south of Temple Bay Outstation, 12 22 S., 143 05 E., 1976, B. Hyland 8995; holo: QRS.

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Male flowers [not vouchered]. ©

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