

Croton dockrillii Airy Shaw

Family:

Euphorbiaceae

Airy Shaw, H.K. (1980) *Muelleria* 4(3): 227. Type: Queensland, Alligator Creek, 12 35 S., 143 20 E., 14 Oct. 1979. A. W. Dockrill 589; holotype: QRS, isotype: BRI.

Stem

Usually flowers and fruits as a shrub about 2-3 m tall.

Leaves

Two stalked glands present on the underside of the leaf blade near its junction with the petiole. Stellate scales present on the young leaves, twigs and petioles. Leaf blades about 5-15 x 2.5-5 cm. Stipules filiform, small and caducous. Numerous oil dots visible with a lens.

Flowers

Male flowers: Flowers about 2-3 mm diam. with a corolla, calyx lobes aristate. Petals with long hairs at the base and shorter hairs at the apex. Female flowers: Flowers about 3-4 mm diam. without a corolla. Ovary densely clothed in stellate hairs.

Fruit

Fruit about 5-8 mm diam. Outer surface of the capsules with scattered stellate scales. Caruncle small and cream?

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in NT and CYP. Altitudinal range from near sea level to about 100 m. Grows as an understory plant in rain forest, monsoon forest or vine thickets.

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Female flower and male flowers. ©

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Male flowers. © G. ankowsky



Female flowers. © CSIRO



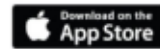
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