

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowers and leafy stems. Photographer Don Wood, Mumbulla State Forest north of Bega



Fruiting stem Photographer Don Wood, Bangalee Reserve west of Nowra



Shrub. Photographer Ohlsen, Daniel, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Blunt Sandalwood, Sandalwood, Southern Sandalwood

Family

Santalaceae

Where found

Forest, rocky areas, and along streams. Coast, ranges, and eastern tablelands.

Notes

Shrub to 2.6 m high. Fruit fleshy. Small branches longitudinally ridged to angular, hairless, often **glaucous**. Leaves opposite each other, rarely almost opposite each other, **alternating** up the stems, or **whorled**, 2–6.5 cm long, 2–15 mm wide, paler on the lower surface, margins curved to rolled down, tips blunt or pointed. Flowers with 4 white to greenish '**petals**', each 1.5–2 mm long, falling early. Flowers in clusters of 1–6 flowers. Flowers Nov.–Jan. Fruit blue to purple, broadly oval, 8–10 mm long.

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Santalum-obtusifolium> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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