

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers (spike), and female flowers (single, red). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, inland from Coffs Harbour



Male flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Large-leaf acalypha

Family

Euphorbiaceae

Where found

Rainforest (upright) and exposed headlands (**prostrate**). Coast and ranges north from from the Nowra district.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m tall or sprawling to prostrate. Bark flaky. Stems densely hairy with **simple** hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2-15 cm long, 10-40 mm wide, variable in shape, both surfaces usually densely hairy, rarely more or less hairless; **veins** prominent, 3-veined at the base, upper surface wrinkled between the veins, margins shallowly toothed to scalloped, bases rounded to **cordate**, tips blunt with a **mucre**. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Male flowers green, with 4 '**petals**', each 0.7-0.9 mm long, in an elongated cluster 20-50 mm long. Female flowers with 3 '**petals**', each 0.5-0.8 mm long, in clusters of 1-3, at the bases of leaf-like **bracts**. Occasionally male and female flowers in the same cluster with the males above a single female flower.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acalypha~nemorum> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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