

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Boyne State Forest west of Bawley Point



Plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer M Richardson, Budgong Creek

Common name

Typhonium

Family

Araceae

Where found

Rainforest margins, grassy areas, wet gullies, and along streams. Coast and ranges north from west of Lake Tabourie.

Notes

Perennial herb to about 0.5 m tall, the leaves appearing annually. Stem underground. Leaves **alternating** along the stem, appearing basal, deeply 3-lobed to more or less triangular, to about 22 cm long, the lobes 10–120 mm wide, hairless, shining to dull green. Flowers smelling of faeces to many people. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Spathe green in the lower part, greenish purple in the upper part, the open part about 120 mm long. Individual flowers small, with 0 **petals**. Flower **spike** as long as or longer than the **spathe**, with scattered **sterile** flowers occupying the **entire** zone between the male (upper) and female (lower) zones. A purple-black foul-smelling section of the spike above the flowers. Fruit reddish, clustered. Flowers Spring to Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Typhonium~eliosorum> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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