

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Shrub. Photographer Arthur Chapman, Goonoo State
Forest near Dubbo



Line drawings. a. flower; b. flowering and fruiting
branch; c. fruit. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of
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Common name

Olax

Family

Olacaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and **shrubland** on coastal dunes. Coastal. Ranges north from Deua National Park.

Notes

Shrub to about 2 m high, hairless. Fruit fleshy. Young branches **striate**, often covered with minute warts, slightly zig-zaggy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mostly 0.3–1.5 cm long, 1–3 mm wide, sometimes larger on the main branches, yellowish, more or less folded lengthwise, tips blunt to pointed and often **mucronate** or hooked. Flowers white to yellowish, with 5-6 **petals** each 3–6 mm long, free from each other or partly fused. Flowers single. Flowers throughout the year. **Calyx** enlarging after flowering to enclose the fruit. Fruit oval to oval, 4–8 mm long.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Olax-stricta> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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