

HEATH / SHRUBLAND

Melaleuca groveana

Key features: Shrub. Characteristic *Melaleuca* barrel-shaped fruits. Red new growth. Fluffy flowers

What is it? Shrub / small tree 2-5 (rarely to 10) m tall. Firm fibrous-papery bark.

Leaves: Narrow, curved leaves, 20-55mm long, 3-8mm wide alternating along stem

Flowers: Fluffy white flowers form on 2-3cm long spikes. Spring.

Fruit: Woody barrel-shaped fruit with a smooth outer surface, 4-7mm in diameter.

How rare? Listed as Vulnerable on TSC Act.

Where is it? Heath and shrubland, often exposed sites / rocky outcrops / cliffs. Known from Scotts Mountain, in **Yarriabini NP**.

Where can I see one? See above

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RAINFOREST / FOREST VINES

Slender marsdenia *Marsdenia longiloba*

Key features: Stems exude clear, watery sap when cut (not milky).

What is it? Slender climber.

Leaves: In pairs of very finely pointed leaves. Has 5-6 tiny glands at the base of leaves.

Flowers: Clusters of small white star-shaped flowers, summer.

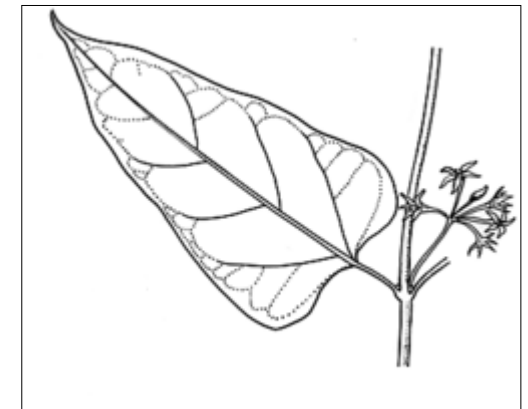
Fruit: Long, narrow seed-capsules split to release many seeds with tufts of long silky hair.

How rare? Listed as Endangered on TSC Act.

Where is it? Subtropical and warm temperate rainforest, lowland moist eucalypt forest, rock outcrops. Known from **Ngambaa NR, Valla NR**.

Where can I see one? Ulidarra NP, Swans Rd: GPS 508054, 6653401. 1m north of a bangalow palm with a white marker. May be near walking track at Cedar Park, **Ngambaa NR**.

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Milky silkpod *Parsonsia dorrigoensis*

Key features: Stems exude milky sap. Highly variable leaves, purple underneath

What is it? Climber to 5m, with slender twining stems that exude milky sap when cut.

Leaves: Vary; from narrow to broad, generally with a fine point. Purplish tinge underneath.

Flowers: Clusters of white or yellowish tubular flowers, summer.

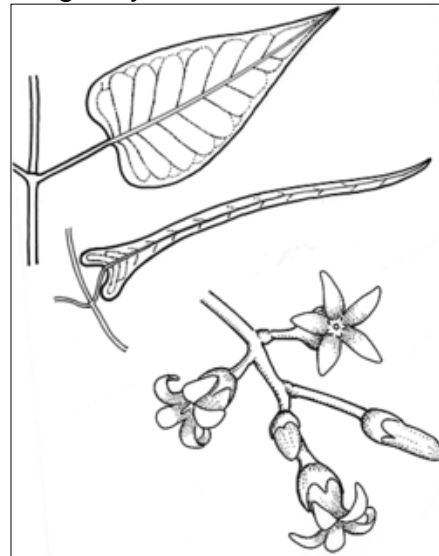
Fruit: Narrow capsules to 7cm long split lengthwise to release many seeds with long silky hairs.

How rare? Listed as vulnerable on TSC Act.

Where is it? Subtropical and warm temperate rainforest, rainforest margins, moist eucalypt forest on brown clay soils. Known from **Ngambaa NR** (common), **Valla NR**, **Bollanolla NR**, **Bowraville NR**, **Jaanninga NR**, **Ganay NR**, **Juugawaarri NR**

Where can I see one? Very common along Long Saddle Rd and Allomera Cr. Rd in **Ngambaa NR**.

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Arrowhead vine *Tinospora tinoporoides*

Key features: Mostly arrow-head leaves. Leaf stalk is twisted - it meets the stem at an angle.

What is it? Tall, woody climber.

Leaves: Thick, stiff, glossy. Mostly triangular (sometimes oval) shaped. 8-13cm long. Leaf stalk 5-12cm long, with a swelling at each end.

Flowers: Small, inconspicuous. In long branched clusters.

Fruit: Fleshy fruits produced in groups of 3.

How rare? Vulnerable.

Where is it? Wetter subtropical rainforest and littoral rainforest, on fertile basalt-derived soils. Known from **Bollanolla NR**.

Where can I see one?

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