

New South Wales Christmas Bush *Ceratopetalum gummiferum*

When to look:

Flowers appear late spring to summer, sepal “flowers” turn red in Dec, seed pods appear after flowering

Evergreen shrub or small tree that grows up to 10 m in height and 6 m in width

Seed pods found inside the red sepal “flower”

Creamy white, star-shaped flowers initially

Thin, glossy green leaves with serrated edges

Deep pink to orange-red star-shaped sepal “flowers”

Similar species:

There are no plant species in the area that can be easily mistaken for the New South Wales Christmas Bush

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