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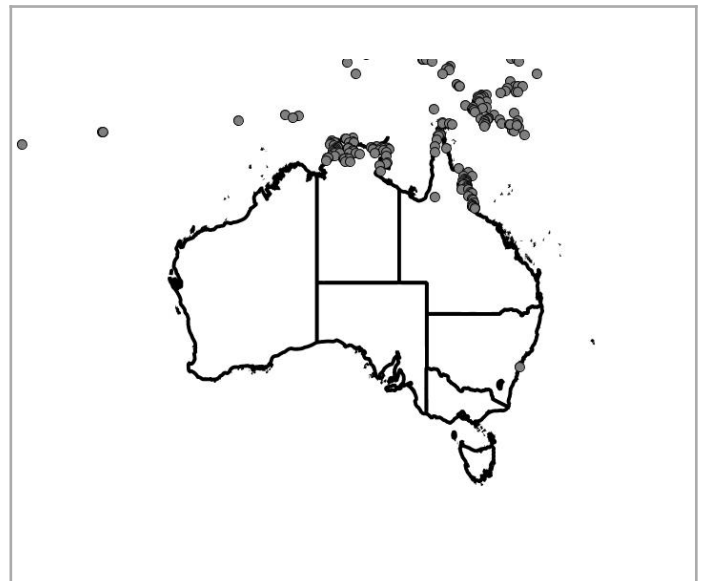
## ***Allophylus* L.**

- Linnaeus, C. (1753), *Species Plantarum* 1 : 348

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Monoecious erect or scrambling shrubs. Branchlets with simple hairs and lenticels. Leaves trifoliolate, occasionally 1- or 5-foliolate; leaflets petiolulate to sessile, serrate, to subentire, semicoriaceous, dotted. Inflorescence axillary, spike-like with scattered fascicles of flowers, rarely branched; bracts small. Flowers small, irregular, unisexual. Sepals 4, paired, broadly imbricate, outer pair smaller; elliptic or suborbicular, concave, membranous, gland-dotted. Petals 4, unilateral, spatulate, long-clawed; scales 2-lobed, pilose, crestless. Disc unilateral, 4-lobed or with 2-4 glands. Stamens 8, opposite disc; filaments filiform. Ovary deeply 2- or 3-lobed, segments 1-locular, 1-ovuled; style filiform; stigma 2-lobed. Fruit usually 1-lobed, drupaceous or nearly dry, indehiscent. Seed obovoid, exarillate.

*Distribution:* A genus of one extremely variable species. Occurs in tropical and subtropical Africa, Asia, New Guinea and Australia.



*Etymology:* from the Greek *allo* (other, different) and *phylon* (tribe), perhaps because the type came from a distant country

*Nomenclature and Typification:* *Allophylus zeylanicus* L.

*Notes:* Distinguishable from other Australian Sapindaceae by its trifoliolate serrulate to entire leaves, spike-like inflorescence and small drupe-like fruits.

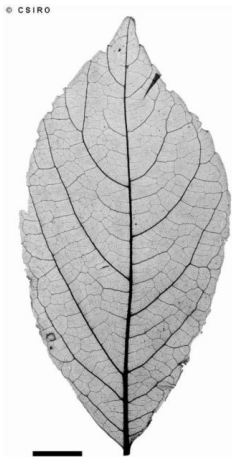
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## **Nomenclature**

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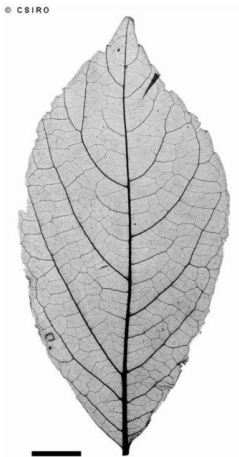
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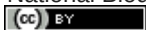
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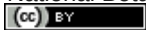
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