

Proteaceae

Triunia youngiana

spice bush, native honeysuckle



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ETYMOLOGY

(try-YOON-ee-a) Latin tri = 3 + unus = one in reference to 3 sepals. The species youngiana after Sir John Young 1861-67 NSW Governor¹⁰

LIFEFORM

Shrub 2-4m x 1-2m Spread

OCCURS

Springbrook Qld, Bellinger River NSW

QLD DISTRICT

Moreton

HABITAT

Highland Subtropical Rainforest

LEAVES

Whorls of 3-4, 5-13 cm x 15-30 mm, lanceolate, (3-4) apex long acuminate, base cuneate, margins entire with a few irregular teeth, hairless dark green, paler dull below; midvein and secondary veins sunken visible above, conspicuous raised below; on 3-5 mm stalks.

FLOWERS

5 - 10 cm strongly scented; strongly scented, creamy-pink in bud, shortly stalked; in terminal clustered **Flowering times** Sept, Oct, Nov

FRUIT

Drupes, 12-15 mm globular to ovoid, red to bluish, with prominent longitudinal groove on one side, thin fleshy covering enclosing one round seed; **Fruiting times** March, April, May

BARK

Black smooth to slightly rough with prominent raised whitish pores or lenticels.

TRUNK or STEM

Bushy shrub with single slender crooked trunk or several stems; Young shoots pink hairy, usually becoming hairless.

ETHNOBOTANY

Fruit highly poisonous, as little as half a seed is cause decreased pulse rate, lowered blood pressure, diarrhoea and headache.

LANDSCAPE USES

Delightful fragrant flowers are long-lasting used as indoor decoration

ID FEATURE

Leaves sub-bullate, usually with a few apical teeth + Adaxial surface of involucral bracts glabrous + Fruits blue to reddish, 15 mm diam.