

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Stem with flower buds and fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer R Hotchkiss, unknown place

## Common name

Red Cluster Heath, Tall Acrotriche, Tall Groundberry, Red Groundberry

## Family

Ericaceae

## Where found

**Forest** and **shrubland**, often in rocky areas. Kanangra-Boyd National Park, Blue Mountains National Park, and Wollemi National Park and nearby. One record from the tablelands south east of Bombala.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m or more high. Leaf tips sometimes sharp. Fruit usually fleshy. Bark dark brown to black, finely fissured to scaly. Young stems densely hairy with fawn to brownish **simple** hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, almost **erect** to **spreading**, 0.8–3.4 cm long, 2–7 mm wide, margins sometimes finely toothed towards the tips, lower surface white or **glaucous**. Flowers pale green, cream, or white, with a bell-shaped tube 1.5–4 mm long, and 5 lobes each 0.7–2 mm long, with a fringe of hairs at the tips and with 5 tufts of hairs spreading across the throat. Flowers in **spikes** of 5–10 flowers. Flowers spring. Fruit red.

Family was Epacridaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acrotriche~aggregata> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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