

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, South East Forests National Park



Fruiting stems. Photographer Russell Best, east of Ballarat, Vic

## Common name

Native cranberry

## Family

Ericaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, grassy **woodland**, **heath**, and disturbed sites, often on ridges and slopes. Widespread.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 0.70 m high or mat-forming to about 1 m diameter. Fruit fleshy, edible. Leaves with sharp points. Branchlets hairy with fine hairs. Leaves crowded, 0.5–1.8 cm long, 0.6–3 mm wide, often tinged purplish, margins toothed to fringed. Flowers 11–15 mm long, bright to dark red; tubular, the tube 7–15 mm long, with 5 lobes 2.5–5.3 mm long, the lobes densely **bearded** inside except at tip. Flowers often more or less hidden in the foliage, single or rarely 2 or 3 together. Flowering: throughout the year. Fruit globular to oblong, green to purplish when ripe, about 5–10 mm long.

Family was Epacridaceae.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Astroloma-humifusum> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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