

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

## Common name

Thick-leaf star-hair

## Family

Araliaceae

## Where found

**Woodland** on sandstone. Coast, mainly in the Sydney area.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 2.4 m high. Branchlets with a deep, firm covering of dense **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–6 cm long, 2.5–4 mm wide, upper surface shiny and smooth or occasionally wrinkled, lower surface densely covered with brownish hairs, tips blunt, margins **entire** and rolled down so that the leaf is convex except for the **midvein** groove on the upper surface. Flowers small, with 5 **petals**, white to cream, with mauve **anthers**. Flowers in few-flowered clusters up to about 10 cm long. Flowering: spring.

Vulnerable Australia. Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile with line drawing and photo of dried specimen:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10074> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Astrotricha~crassifolia>

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