

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Booderee National Park, Jervis Bay Territory

Common name

Coastal baeckea, Heath myrtle

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Heath, often in damp places. North of Batemans Bay. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m tall. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.3-0.6 cm long, 2-5 mm wide, margins **entire** or finely toothed, tips rounded and slightly curved down. Flowers 4-4.5 mm in diameter, with 5 white **petals**. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Intergrades between *Baeckea diosmifolia* and *Baeckea imbricata* occur. They may be recognized by the somewhat broader leaves than in *Baeckea diosmifolia*.

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

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