

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer unknown, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Lemon bottlebrush

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, rocky sites, along streams and moist gullies. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, tablelands south of the Hume Highway, and ranges. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 8 m tall. Leaves often with sharp points. Bark rough, flaky. Stems hairy, soon hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 2.5-7 cm long, 6-15 mm wide, leathery, surfaces conspicuously and densely **gland**-dotted. Flower **spikes** 30-70 mm long, 25-50 mm in diameter, but mostly about 35 mm, cream to yellow. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Melaleuca pallida in the ACT.

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=Callistemon~pallidus> (accessed 18 April 2021)

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