

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower spikes and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens south of Mogo



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, Campbelltown

Common name

Alpine bottlebrush

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Wet **heath**, along streams, and in and near swamps, mostly at higher altitudes. Blue Mountains. Widespread south of the Hume Highway but not on the Western Slopes.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m tall, new growth silvery-grey. Leaves often with sharp tips. Bark hard. Stems hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 1-3.2 cm long, 0.75-2 mm wide, often thick and almost cylindrical, oil **glands** mostly on the lower surface. Flower **spikes** 20-70 mm long, 15-22 mm in diameter, creamy white to yellow, sometimes tinged with green or pink. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**. Flowers mostly Spring to Summer, and sporadically throughout the year.

Melaleuca pityoides 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&lv=sp&name=Callistemon~pityoides> (accessed 18 April 2021)

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