

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Queanbeyan



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

Common name

Silky Cryptandra, Mountain Cryptandra

Family

Rhamnaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, rocky areas, and along streams. Mainly ACT and nearby.

Notes

Shrub to 1.5 m tall. Young stems densely hairy with **appressed simple** hairs overlying small **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves in clusters and **alternating** up the stems, 0.2-0.6 cm long, 0.4-2 mm wide, more or less cylindrical, grooved beneath, margins rolled down; tips pointed or blunt, sometimes with a short **mucro**, upper surface hairless, smooth, lower surface usually not visible, densely grey-stellate-hairy, rarely becoming hairless. Flowers white, tubular, the tube 2.3-3.5 mm long, with 5 **erect** or **spreading** lobes each 2.6-4 mm long. **Bracts** covering the bases of the flowers dark brown to black. Flowers in clusters of 1-10 flowers. Flowers Autumn to Spring.

Formerly included in *Cryptandra propinqua*.

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

Vulnerable Vic.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/078d5170-2433-41e3-b351-79b143fd0858> (accessed 30 April 2021)

Description above partly based on Kellermann, J. & Udovicic, F., (2007) A revision of the *Cryptandra propinqua* complex (Rhamnaceae: Pomaderreae). *Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales* 128: 90-91 Fig. 5

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