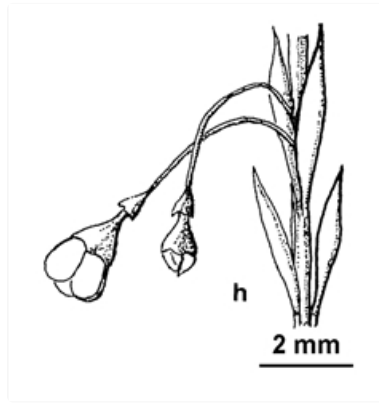# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Flowering stem (subsp. *prostrata*).
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Flowering branches (subsp. *ramosissima*).
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Common name

Rosy baeckea. Nodding baeckea (subsp. *prostrata*); Rosy heath-myrtle (subsp. *ramosissima*)

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

subs**p. *prostrata***. Heathy **woodland** and coastal **heath**. Coastal. Mostly Jervis Bay and south of Eden.

subsp. *ramosissima*. Dry **forest**, woodland and heath. Coast and ranges north of Port Kembla. Sightings south of Eden.

Notes

Shrub to 0.6 m tall, or sprawling to **prostrate**. Branches often rooting at the **nodes**. Stems hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, mostly 0.2-1.4 cm long, 0.5-3 mm wide, dark green, tips pointed or blunt, margins fringed in the upper third of the leaf. Flowers white or pink to deep pink-purple, sometimes tinged red, 3-15 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**. Flowers single, rarely in pairs. Flowers Winter to Summer.

subsp. *prostrata*: Sprawling to prostrate **shrub** to 0.2 m tall. Leaves 0.3-1 cm long, 0.5-1.5 mm wide. Flowers nodding, 3-5 mm in diameter, with white petals, tinged red. Flowers single.

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subsp. *ramosissima*: Erect or sprawling to prostrate shrub to 0.6 m tall. Leaves 0.2-1.4 cm long, 1-3 mm wide. Flowers **erect**, sometimes later nodding, 5-15 mm in diameter, with white to deep pink-purple petals. Flowers single, rarely paired.

According to VICFLORA, some plants from beween Sydney and Jervis Bay are **intermediate** between the two subspecies.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: **http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl? page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Euryomyrtus~ramosissima** (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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