

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



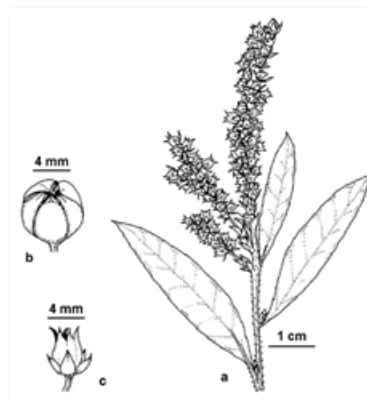
Flowering branch. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Barrington Tops National Park



Fruiting branch. Photographer Andre Messina, unknown place, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne



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Line drawings. a. flowering branch; b. fruit; c. flower. SM Clarke, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board.

Common name

White waxberry, Waxberry

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, shrubland, rocky areas, and gullies. Ranges and Kosciuszko National Park. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Fruit fleshy. Young stems rough, with reddish brown, bristly, more or less **appressed** hairs, sometimes overlying very short, fine, curled hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–9 cm long, 10–30 mm wide, hairless, but often bristly along the **veins**, margins finely toothed. Flowers white to pale pink, 2.5–5 mm long, urn-shaped, tubular, with 5 lobes, in clusters of 3–11 flowers. Flowering: late spring to summer. Fruiting **sepals** white, fleshy and largely fused, forming a berry-like structure 8–10 mm in diameter, enclosing the dry seed case.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Gaultheria~appressa> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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