

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, near Bombala



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer A McWhirter, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Feral shrub. Photographer Waltraud Pix, Friends of Mt Majura, Mt Ainslie, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Rosemary grevillea

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **grassland**, roadsides, rocky slopes, moist areas, and along streams. Widespread. Rarely coastal. Naturalised in the ACT.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Leaf tips often sharp. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.8–4 cm long, 0.7–3 mm wide; margins curved to rolled down, lower surface exposed and loosely hairy or rarely hairless, or mostly or wholly enclosed by the rolled down margins, and then 1-grooved. Flowers with 4 '**petals**' joined together in pairs, '**petals**' pink to red, sometimes cream near the tips, wholly cream, yellow, green, or orange, hairless and sometimes **glaucous** outside, **bearded** inside. **Gynoecium** 15–22.5 mm long; **style** hairless or with scattered **erect** hairs, red to yellow. Flower clusters usually curved down. Flowers August–December.

In the absence of specific information, seeds of all species of *Grevillea* have been keyed as having one **wing**.

Environmental weed in suburban Canberra. Invades patches of native grassland. Takes over the **shrub** layer of open woodland. Occasionally hybridises with *Grevillea arenaria*. Hybridises with *Grevillea juniperina* subsp. *fortis*, particularly on Red Hill, Canberra. Hybridises with *Grevillea lanigera*.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Grevillea~rosmarinifolia+subsp.~rosmarinifolia> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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