

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



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



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

Common name

Needlebush

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Heath, often on sandstone ridges. Coast and ranges north from Wollongong. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Leaf tips sharp. Stems and young leaves densely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–8 cm long, about 1.5 mm in diameter, cylindrical, lower surface usually grooved, surfaces densely hairy, the hairs usually persistent until flowering; tips pointed outward, with a **mucro** 1–2.3 mm long. Flowers with 4 yellowish white '**petals**' 5–6 mm long, free from each other when the flowers are fully open. Unit clusters of 2–6 flowers, often several clusters close together. Flowering: spring. 'Nuts' almost round, 25–30 mm long, 20–25 mm wide, distinctly beaked, deeply wrinkled or warty. Seeds with one **wing**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hakea-gibbosa> (accessed 8 April 2021)

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