

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem and stem with seed cases (subsp. *salicifolia*). Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional reserve near Nowra



Leafy stems with 'nuts'. Photographer Jackie Miles



Shrub. Photographer gavinlongmuir, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Willow-leaved Hakea

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Forest and near streams. Coast and ranges mainly north of Ulladulla. Widely planted and doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

subsp. *angustifolia*: North of Wollongong and west to the lower Blue Mountains.

subsp. *salicifolia*: Coast and ranges mainly north of Ulladulla. Widely planted and naturalised in the ACT.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 8 m high. Bark fibrous. Young stems **silky**, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5–15 cm long, 4–20 mm wide, flat, soft, **lateral veins** obscure, tips usually gradually tapering to a point, more rarely blunt, scarcely **mucronate**, surfaces moderately **appressed**-silky with white and rusty hairs when young, rapidly becoming hairless; young leaves darker. Flowers white, with 4 '**petals**' 3.5–5 mm long, free from each other when the flowers are fully open, hairless. **Gynoecium** 6–6.5 mm long. Unit clusters of 16–28 flowers, often several clusters close together. Flowers spring. 'Nuts' oval to almost round, 20–35 mm long, 13–30 mm wide, covered with hemispherical blunt-topped warts 1–2.5 mm high; **beak** slightly upturned; horns present, sometimes obscure. Seeds with one **wing**.

subsp. *angustifolia*: Leaves 4–7 mm wide

subsp. *salicifolia*: Leaves greater than 7 mm wide

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hakea~salicifolia> (accessed 8 April 2021)

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