

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers (subsp. *obovatum*). Photographer Jackie Miles.



Flowering stems (subsp. *obovatum*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Seed cases and leafy branches. Photographer Jackie Miles.



Shrub (subsp. *obovatum*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Shiny phebalium, Leionema

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, shrubland, rocky ridges, and along streams.

subsp. *obovatum*: ACT and west towards Tumut. Rarely coastal south of Eden.

subsp. *orbiculare*: Blue Mountains to west of Lithgow, and the mountains to the north.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Stems more or less angled when young, becoming cylindrical, warty, minutely hairy with **stellate** and **simple** hairs, or hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.2–1 cm long, 2–7 mm wide, aromatic when rubbed, somewhat leathery to papery, wedge-shaped to round, tips pointed to rounded, upper surface with the **midrib impressed** or not, leaves flat, hairless, shiny, margins **entire** or appearing nibbled near the tips. Flowers white, white with pink tips on the outside, or wholly pink, with 5 **petals** each 2–4 mm long. **Calyx** fleshy. Flowers in clusters of 1–3, several clusters together. Flowering: winter to early summer.

subsp. obovatum: Leaves more or less oval, 2–10 mm long

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subsp. orbiculare: Leaves more or less round, 2–6 mm long.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Leionema-lamprophyllum> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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