

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Dried specimen of type (from which the species was named), Missouri Botanical Garden. Collected by G Coveny, Pennant Hills Park, Cheltenham

Common name

A tea-tree

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **shrubland**, on slopes or near streams. Sydney area north of the Harbour.

Notes

Shrub to 5 m high. Bark peeling in long strips. Younger stems hairy or hairless. Conspicuous leaf scars. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 1–1.5 cm long, 1–2 mm wide, margins curved upwards, surfaces hairless; tips broad-pointed and folded in, bases tapering; stalkless. Flowers about 8–10 mm in diameter, with 5 white **petals**, single. Flowers spring. Nuts shed early, about 3.5 mm in diameter.

Vulnerable Australia. Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile with photos: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10468> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Leptospermum-deanei> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 364, Map 4-17

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