

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer John Wrigley, Douglas-Aspley National Park, Tas



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown

Common name

A tea-tree

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Rocky areas. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, Blue Mountains, and Newnes State **Forest** near Lithgow.

Notes

Introduced shrub to 5m or more tall. Bark rough. Younger stems with rather stiff white shining hairs, mostly **appressed** to the stems. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.5-1.8 cm long, 2-8 mm wide, thick, greyish-green, often hairy with densely appressed hairs and rather prominent **glands**, margins almost flat but tending to fold in near the tips, tips blunt or very pointed or rounded with a small notch, often with a minute curved down blunt point, the bases tapering to a short, broad stalk and often slightly twisted.. Flowers about 20 mm in diameter, with 5 white or occasionally pink **petals**. Flowers Summer-Autumn. Nuts persisting, 9-12 mm in diameter.

Native to eastern Tasmania.

Description above based on Thompson, J., (1989) A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 423-424, map 8-64

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