

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Nungatta State Forest west of Eden



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Orroral Road, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Nuts on branches. Photographer Lyn Allison, Westgate Park, Melbourne, Vic



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer A McWhirter, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Woolly tea-tree, Mountain tea-tree

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, swamps, along streams, gullies, and sandy swamps. Widespread.

## Notes

**Shrub** or tree to 6 m tall. Bark on smaller stems smooth, shedding in stringy strips, on larger stems fibrous, rough. Younger stems hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.3-2 cm long, mostly 2-4 mm wide, margins usually curved down, surfaces hairy at least on the lower surface; tips tapering abruptly and folded upwards, with a blunt point, bases tapering to a very short broad-based stalk. **Sepals** narrowly triangular to triangular, 3-5 mm long, pointed, hairy on the outer surface, persisting on the nuts. Flowers about 12-15 mm in diameter, with 5 white **petals**, single. Flowers Spring to Summer. Nuts persisting, 5-15 mm in diameter, **woolly** at first, surface lifting and becoming scaly.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Leptospermum-lanigerum> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 427-428, map 9-67

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