

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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Common name

A tea-tree

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath** on exposed rocky or dry sandstone sites. Ranges north from the Great Western Highway.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Bark rough, densely layered and becoming gnarled. Younger stems hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, mostly 1–2 cm long, mostly 5–10 mm wide, usually flat, surfaces ultimately hairless; tips blunt or pointed, often folded upwards, point stiff; bases tapering or sometimes almost **cordate**, with a leaf stalk. Flowers 15–30 mm in diameter, with 5 white, pink, or dark red **petals**, single. Flowers October to December. Nuts persistent, often 15–20 mm in diameter.

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

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 432–433, map 9–72

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