

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



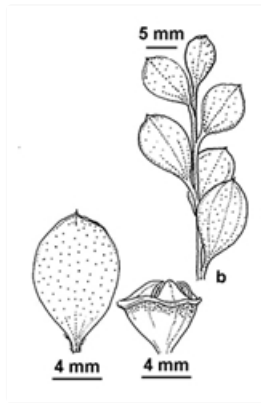
Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Landers Creek waterfall, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Line drawings. b. branchlet, leaf, nut. SM Clarke, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Button tea-tree, Alpine tea-tree

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Forest** and **woodland**. **Heath** in exposed rocky mountain areas, or among granite boulders. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and ACT. Tablelands south of the Hume Highway.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m tall. Bark on smaller stems smooth and papery or becoming rough, shedding in papery flakes, on larger stems smooth, shedding in papery strips. Younger stems with a narrow flange near the bases of the leaf stalks, hairy or hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.7-2.2 cm long, 3-14 mm wide, margins flat or curved down, often hairy, surfaces with prominent **glands**, tips broad and rounded with a conical point, or pointed with a short blunt point; bases tapering or rounded above a short stalk. Flowers single, occasionally 2 together, 10-15 mm in diameter, with 5 white **petals**, single, occasionally in pairs. Flowers Summer. Nuts persisting, very variable in size, usually 5-9 mm in diameter, often submerged in the stem; surface lifting, flaking, later gnarled.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nsfwl&lvi=sp&name=Leptospermum-micromyrtus> (accessed 25 January, 2021)

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 414-415, map 8-57

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