

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



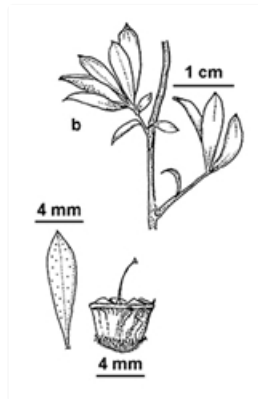
Flowering branch and nuts. Photographer Don Wood, Sidlings Swamp Flora Reserve south of Eden



Flower, open nuts, and bark. Photographer Don Wood, Sidlings Swamp Flora Reserve south of Eden



Shrub. Photographer Lyn Allison, Westgate Park, Melbourne, Vic



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

Common name

Heath tea-tree, Silky tea-tree

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**, sometimes in swampy soils. Coast and ranges south of Eden.

Notes

Shrub to 2.5 m tall. Bark on smaller stems smooth, shedding in stringy strips, rough on larger stems. Stems hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.3-1.3 cm long, 1-4 mm wide, margins curved upwards and usually covered with minute warts (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), surfaces becoming hairless; tips pointed, the point blunt and tending to curve down; bases tapering to a short stalk. Flowers 10-15 mm in diameter, with 5 white or pink **petals**, single or paired. Flowers Winter to Summer. Nuts shed early, sometimes tardily so, 4-6 mm in diameter.

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

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 369, map 4-21

Author: Betty Wood.

This identification key and fact sheets are available as a free mobile application:



Android edition



iOS edition

Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia (CC BY)