

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem (top). Leafy stem (bottom).  
Photographer Jackie Miles, Waterfall, south of Sydney



Leafy stem with flower buds. Photographer John Tann, Heathcote National Park south of Sydney

## Common name

A beard-heath

## Family

Ericaceae

## Where found

**Forest** and **woodland** with a shrubby understorey on sandstone platforms and wet rock faces. Coastal north from Jervis Bay. Ranges north from west of Ulladulla.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 0.9 m high, sometimes **scrambling**. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.95–3.4 cm long, 4.5–20 mm wide, flat, lower surface hairy and with 3 central more or less parallel **veins**, base stem-clasping; margins curved down and fringed. Flowers white, tubular, the tube 1.2–1.9 mm long, **bearded** inside near the throat, with 5 lobes each 1.2–2.6 mm long. Flowers **erect**, 3–12 together in **spikes** up to 37 mm long. Flowering: July–October. Fruit laterally compressed.

Family was Epacridaceae.

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

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