

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Stem with flower buds. Photographer Jackie Miles

Common name

Grey beard-heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and rocky sites. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub usually to 1 m high, usually **erect**, sometimes sprawling. Leaf tips sharp. Branchlets hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, erect to upwardly **appressed**, 0.2–0.72 cm long, 0.9–2.1 mm wide, grey-green to purplish-grey, covered in minute hairs, margins slightly to very curved down, upper surface concave in the ACT, convex in Victoria, tips blunt, with a slender **mucro** to about 1 mm long. Flowers white, pink, or tinged pink at the tips in bud, 3–4 mm long, 3–5 mm in diameter, tubular, with 5 shaggy hairy lobes. Flowers erect, in clusters of 1–3, forming leafy **spikes** up the branches. Fruit green, ridged, 2–4 mm long. Flowering: May–December.

On the far South Coast it tends to be a more compact plant than *Leucopogon ericoides* with a 'miniature pine tree' look to it, and grows in rocky places. <https://atlasoflife.naturemapr.org/Community/Sightings/Details/4234002> (Jackie Miles) (accessed 2 May 2021)

in the ACT it is usually an erect **shrub**, leaves are concave on the upper surface, hairy, with a sharp pointed tips that is not curved down; flowers in clusters of 1–3 in the **axils** of the leaves along the branchlets.

<https://canberra.naturemapr.org/Community/Sightings/Details/1946630> (RW Purdie) (accessed 2 May 2021)

Styphelia attenuata in VICFLORA. (accessed 2 May 2021)

Family was Epacridaceae.

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?>

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