

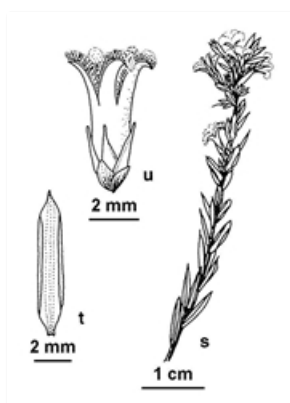
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, Nadgee Nature Reserve south of Eden



Line drawings. s. flowering branch; t. leaf undersurface; u. flower. E.M. Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Pink beard-heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, and rocky areas. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Leaf tips sharp. Branchlets **wiry**, hairy with short hairs to bristly. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.3–1.55 cm long, 0.7–2.5 mm wide, surfaces hairless, rough, or hairy with fine hairs, upper surface convex, margins curved to rolled down, tips blunt or pointed, with a **mucro** to about 1 mm long. Flowers white to pinkish, pink in bud, to 5.5 mm long, tubular, with 5 hairy lobes 1.4–2 mm long. Flowers **erect**, 1–11 in 3–9 mm long **spikes**. Flowering: July–October. Fruit oval, often curved, 2.4–5.7 mm long, prominently ridged, sparsely hairy, flat-topped, turning brown.

On the far South Coast it is taller, with sparser leaves than *Leucopogon attenuatus* and grows on sand.

<https://atlasoflife.naturemapr.org/Community/Sightings/Details/4234002> (Jackie Miles) (accessed 2 May 2021)

Styphelia ericoides in VICFLORA. (accessed 2 May 2021)

Family was Epacridaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Leucopogon~ericoides> (accessed 2 May 2021)

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