

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



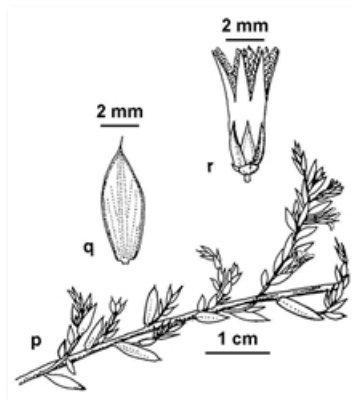
Flowers and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Cobrunge, Vic



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



Flowering branches. Photographer Jackie Miles



Line drawings. p. flowering branch; q. leaf undersurface; r. flower. E.M. Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Sharp Beard-heath

## Family

Ericaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, **heath**, rocky places, and moist sites. Widespread. Rare on the Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Shrub** to about 0.3 m high, **prostrate** to sprawling. Leaf tips sharp. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets shortly bristly. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.3–0.81 cm long, 1–2.5 mm wide, flat, or lower surface slightly concave and with 3 more or less central parallel **veins**, the other veins prominently diverging, margins flat or slightly curved down, and toothed towards the tips, tips gradually tapering to a point, terminating in a slender **mucro** to about 1.5 mm long. Flowers **erect**, white, sometimes with a pink to red tube, 5–7 mm long, tubular, with 5 hairy lobes 2.0–3.4 mm long. Flowers single or paired. Fruit 4–5.3 mm long, oval to oval, yellow when mature. Flowers most of the year.

*Styphelia nesophila* in VICFLORA. (accessed 26 February, 2021)

Family was Epacridaceae.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Leucopogon~fraseri> (accessed 26 February, 2021)

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