

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Errol Bay, Jervis Bay, NSW



Flowering branches and nuts. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Stocks Nursery, Harden



Shrub. Photographer Arthur Chapman, near Orbost, Vic

## Common name

Swamp paperbark

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**, along streams, lake margins, and in swamps. Coastal, including the Sydney area away from the coast.

## Notes

**Shrub** or tree to 8 m tall. Bark corky or papery. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, scattered or in **whorls** of 3, mostly 0.7-1.9 cm long, about 1 mm wide, **linear**, tips pointed, surfaces hairless. Flower **spikes** 7-17 mm long, many-flowered, white to cream. Individual flowers with 5 **petals** each about 1 mm long. **Stamens** 5-7 mm long. Flowers Spring to Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Melaleuca-ericifolia> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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