

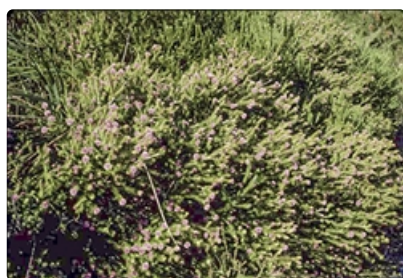
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Swamp honey-myrtle

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Wet **heath**, sometimes on rock-ledges receiving seepage. Mainly between Wollongong and Manly.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m tall. Bark corky. Young stems hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.5-1.2 cm long, 1-3 mm wide, the lower leaves straight, upper leaves often curved, with 3-5 longitudinal **veins**, tips pointed, surfaces hairless. Flower **heads** usually globular, to 20 mm long, 10-15 mm wide, pink to purple. Individual flowers with 5 **petals** each 2-3 mm long. **Stamens** 3-6 mm long. Flowers spring-summer.

Occasionally hybridises with *Melaleuca squarrosa* when the parent species grow together.

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

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