

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering branches with nuts. Photographer Don Wood, Jervis Bay National Park, NSW



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## Common name

Scented paper-bark

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**, in damp places. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

## Notes

**Shrub** or tree to 12 m tall. Bark papery or corky but rough on old stems. Young shoots hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite or nearly opposite each other, 0.5-1.5 cm long, 3-7 mm wide, 5-7 longitudinal **veins** usually visible, surfaces hairless or occasionally bristly, tips pointed. Flower **spikes** 15 to about 50 mm long, 15-22 mm wide, white to yellowish. Flowers fragrant. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**, each to 2 mm long. Petals sometimes tinged with pink. **Stamens** 5-8 mm long. Flowers Winter to Summer.

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

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

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