

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

A heath-myrtle

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**, often on rocky sites. Near Lithgow and Richmond. Morton National Park. Occasionally elsewhere. Mainly north and west of the area covered by this key.

Notes

Spreading shrub to 1.5 m tall. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.15-0.3 cm long, 0.5-0.8 mm wide, margins fringed with minute hairs. Flowers with 5 **petals**, white to pale pink, single in the upper **axils** of the leaves, often forming small compact **heads**. Petals 1-1.5 mm long. **Hypanthium** 1-1.5 mm long, top shaped, with rounded ribs. Flowers Spring.

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

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