

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Brindabella National Park just west of the ACT.



Branches with flower buds. Photographer Arthur Chapman, Brisbane Ranges National Park, Vic



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Peter Ormoy, Aranda Bushland, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Prickly broom-heath, Broom-heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and **heath.** Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to about 2 m high. Leaf tips sharp. Fruit somewhat fleshy. Branchlets rough to hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.6–2.2 cm long, 1–4 mm wide; margins **entire** or with minute teeth towards the tips, surfaces hairless, upper surface more or less convex, lower surface with 3–5 **striate veins**, dull pale green to whitish, often **glaucous**, tips **mucronate**, stalks rough. Flower stalks yellow-green, rough, 0.5–1.6 mm long. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers white to cream, tubular, the tube bell-shaped, 0.9–2.6 mm long, hairless, with 5 lobes 0.8–1.5 mm long, hairless or warty. **Bracts subtending** the flowers persisting. Flowers in 2–9-flowered clusters, sometimes single. Flowering: most of the year. Fruit fleshy, yellow to orange.

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=Monotoca-scoparia> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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