

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Branches with cones. Photographer Ian McMaster, Evans Head

Common name

Conesticks

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Forest and dry and wet **heath**. Ranges and tablelands north from Tallaganda National Park SW of Braidwood.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Branchlets and leaves hoary to more or less silky, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–11 cm long overall, deeply divided and divided again, the undivided part longer than the divided part, leaves not rigid. Leaf **segments** cylindrical, tips pointed or blunt. Flowers white to yellow, with 4 '**petals**' free from each other or united at the base, each 9–14 mm long, **appressed silky**. Flowers in dense, more or less oval, clusters. Flowers Sept.–Jan. **Cones** oblong-oval, sometimes globular, 15–40 mm long, on stalks 0–10 mm long.

Intergrades with *Petrophile pulchella* in areas of the central tablelands.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Petrophile~canescens> (accessed 31 January, 2021)

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