

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Blue Mountains



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Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Morton National Park

Common name

Conesticks

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**. Coast, ranges, and eastern edge of the tablelands, north from Sassafras and Ulladulla.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Branchlets and leaves hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mostly 4–10 cm long overall; deeply divided and often divided again, the undivided part about the same length as the divided part. Leaf **segments** cylindrical, tips pointed. Flowers cream to pale yellow, with 4 '**petals**', free from each other to the base or united at the base, each 6–14 mm long. Flowers in dense, more or less oval, clusters. Flowering: most of the year, mainly Aug.-Mar.. **Cones** oblong-oval, 30–65 mm long, on stalks 0–10 mm long.

Hybridises with *Petrophile pedunculata*. Intergrades with *Petrophile canescens* 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~pulchella> (accessed 31 January, 2021)

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