

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and fruiting stems. Photographer Chris Clarke, south of Castlemaine, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Wandandian



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Paul Hadobas, between Bungendore and Braidwood

Common name

White Marianth, White Rhytidosporum

Family

Pittosporaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, and **shrubland**. Widespread. Occasional in Kosciuszko National Park and Western Slopes.

Notes

Dwarf **shrub** to about 0.4 m high, sometimes **prostrate**. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless. Stems much branched. Leaves **alternating** along the stems or clustered, 0.5–2 cm long, 1–3.5 mm wide, margins flat to curved down, often thickened to lower surface, surfaces sparsely hairy, becoming more or less hairless, tips pointed and **entire** or 3-toothed. Flowers white, sometimes the tips of the **petals** purple, petals often mauve to purplish or pinky red on the outside, with 5, sometimes 6, petals each 3–8 mm long. **Sepals** sometimes purplish. Flowers stalks 2–15 mm long. Flowers single or 2 or 3 together. Flowers Aug.–Nov. The flower stalks elongate after the petals fall, and curve down.

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&lvi=sp&name=Rhytidosporum-procumbens> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

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