

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Green Cape Road, Ben Boyd National Park, south of Eden



Trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Photographer Jackie Mles

Common name

Tall baeckea

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Forest, heath, and along streams. Coast and ranges. Occasional elsewhere. **Naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 4 m tall. Bark rough. Branchlets 4-angled, slightly flanged. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.7-3 cm long, 1-6 mm wide, **midvein** distinctly **impressed** above and often **keeled** below; tips blunt to pointed; margins **entire**, oil **glands** prominent, especially on lower surface. Flowers to 10 mm in diameter, with 5 white **petals** each 2.5-3.7 mm long, in clusters of 2-9 flowers, with individual flower stalks attached to a main stalk. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

Was *Baeckea virgata*, then *Babingtonia virgata*, then *Babingtonia pluriflora*.

Protected NSW (as *Baeckea virgata*).

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Sannantha~pluriflora> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

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