

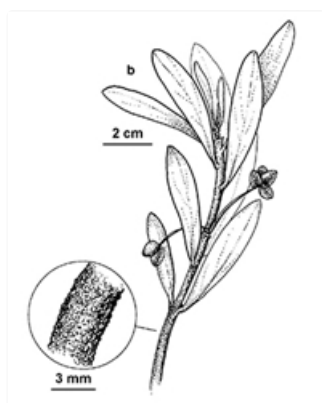
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Ripe fruit and leaves. Photographer Wayne Martin, Mt Buffalo, Vic



Line drawings. b. fruiting branch; stem detail. MMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Alpine pepperbush, Alpine pepper

Family

Winteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, alpine **grassland**, rocky areas, and moist sites, at higher altitudes. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and the ranges and tablelands east and south of the ACT.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m high, often forming extensive clumps due to root suckering. Fruit fleshy. Stems reddish when young, hairless, rough, warty, and with conspicuous leaf scars. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, with a peppery taste. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **whorled**, or clustered, 1–10 cm long, 5–17 mm wide, leathery or rigid, rather thick, hairless, green on both surfaces, margins flat to slightly curved down, tips blunt. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers white to pale yellowish green, with 2-9 **petals** 2-8 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 1-16 flowers. Fruit purplish black when ripe, round, about 5 mm in diameter. Flowering: summer.

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=Tasmannia~xerophila> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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