

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla National Park south of Narooma



Flowering stem and leafy stem. Photographer Jackie Mles



Flowering shrub. Photographer Jackie Mles

Common name

Coastal Rosemary, Native Rosemary

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Coastal foreshores, dunes, cliffs, and elsewhere near the sea. Extensively planted in the Sydney area.

Notes

Shrub to 1.5 m high. Stems hairy with **appressed** hairs. Leaves slightly aromatic when rubbed, in **whorls** of 3-5, 1-3 cm long, 3-5 mm wide, upper surface hairless or moderately to densely hairy on the basal half, lower surface densely hairy with white more or less appressed hairs, margins **entire**, and curved to rolled down, often with only the **midrib** visible. Flowers white with purplish or brownish dots, 10-14 mm long, tubular, 2-lipped, with 5 lobes. **Calyx** tubular, with 5 lobes, appearing whitish because the outer surface is densely covered with white, appressed hairs. Flowers single at the bases of the leaves, in elongated leafy clusters. Flowering: throughout the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf1&lvl=sp&name=Westringia-fruticosa> (accessed 11 February, 2021)

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