

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Chris Clarke, Baw Baw National Park, Vic



Fruiting branch. Photographer Ken Harris, Baw Baw National Park, Vic

Common name

Sub-alpine beard-heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Wet **forest** and **shrubland**. Western Slopes west of the ACT. Kosciuszko National Park. Two sightings in Deua National Park.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets hairy with **simple** hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.4–0.8 cm long, 2–4 mm wide, hairless, lower surface with 3 central more or less parallel **veins**, margins **entire** or fringed with coarse hairs towards the tips. Flowers **erect**, white, 3–4 mm long, tubular, the tube sparsely hairy to **bearded** within (may need a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), with 5 lobes each 1.7–2.1 mm long. Flowers pointing up, in **spikes** of 2–5 flowers. Flowers spring. Fruit bright red when ripe.

Family was Epacridaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acrothamnus~maccraei> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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