

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers. Photographer John Tann, Morton National Park



Female flowers and mature cones on stems. Photographer Don Wood, Coolumboka nature Reserve near Bombala



Cones on stems. Photographer Tony Rodd, Blue Mountains



Shrubs. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer S Douglas, Wadbilliga National Park

## Common name

Dwarf she-oak, Stunted she-oak

## Family

Casuarinaceae

## Where found

**Heath** on exposed ridges. Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

## Notes

Low spreading **shrub** to 2 m high. Bark smooth to finely fissured. Branchlets pointing up, to 8 cm long. **Articles** often somewhat waxy, 5–6 mm long, 0.5–0.8 mm in diameter, ridges very slightly rounded-convex to flat. Leaves very small, forming **whorls** of teeth on the branchlets. Teeth 4–6, **erect, appressed**, not overlapping, not withering. Male and female flowers usually on the same plant or occasionally on different plants. Male flowers brown, in **spikes**, female flowers red, in tight clusters, appearing single. Male spikes very dense, 5–10 mm long, 16–20 whorls per cm. Cone body 14–24 mm long, 10–15 mm in diameter, **bracteoles** thickly woody and convex, scarcely protruding beyond the **cone** body. Mature 'seeds' 4–6 mm long, red-brown to black, shining, with one **wing**.

Rare Vic.

Genowan Point *Allocasuarina nana* Heathland is an Endangered Ecological Community in NSW.

Threatened community profile NSW: <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10344> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Allocasuarina~nana> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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