

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Female flowers on stem. Photographer Richard Hartland, Inverloch, Vic?



Cones on stem. Photographer Richard Hartland, Inverloch, Vic?



Shrub. Photographer Richard Hartland, Inverloch, Vic?

## Common name

Drooping sheoak

## Family

Casuarinaceae

## Where found

Grassy **woodland**, rocky sea-coasts, and on dry ridges inland. Widespread.

## Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 10 m high. Bracteoles on the **cones** often sharp. Bark fissured. Branchlets to 40 cm long, **articles** 10–60 mm long, 0.7–2 mm in diameter, broadened at the end near the teeth. Leaves very small, forming **whorls** of teeth on the branchlets. Teeth 8–13, spreading, not overlapping, withering early. Male and female flowers on different plants. Male flowers brown, in **spikes**, female flowers red, in tight clusters, appearing single. Male spikes 30–120 mm long, 2–4 whorls per cm. Female clusters 6–11 mm long. **Cone** body 20–50 mm long, 17–30 mm in diameter, **bracteoles** thickly woody and convex, broad-pointed (often sharp). Mature 'seeds' 7–12 mm long, very dark brown, shining, with one **wing**.

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=Allocasuarina~verticillata> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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