

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bungonia Gorge National Park east of Goulburn

Common name

Narrow-leaved starhair

Family

Araliaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**. Coast, ranges and Western Slopes north of Lake Conjola. Coast and ranges south from Deua National Park. Kosciuszko National Park.

Astrotricha linearis subsp. Pine Mountain (A.R.Bean 9452) Vic. Herbarium probably occurs in NSW. In Victoria, it occurs close to the NSW border along the upper reaches of the Murray River from east of Albury to south of Biggara.

Notes

Shrub to 1.5 m high. Branchlets **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), **felted**, occasionally almost hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–7.1 cm long, 1–2 mm wide. upper surface variably rough, the projections conspicuous and rounded conical and/or granulate and inconspicuous, but detectable with a hand lens or finger nail. Flowers with 5 **petals** 2–2.2 mm long, whitish to pale yellowish-green. Flower clusters 3–17 cm long, several- to many-branched. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Leaves with margins turned down to rolled down, longer and usually narrower than the leaves of *Astrotricha* sp. Wallagaraugh River (R.O.Makinson 1228) NSW Herbarium

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Astrotricha~linearis> (accessed 13 April 2021)

PlantNET notes that it is likely that populations from the south of the State and Victoria represent a separate species, distinguishable by having large leaf projections only (no granules) which are situated on leaf surface wrinkles. More northerly populations (Beecroft Peninsula, Bungonia, and Bathurst-Orange) have smaller, more evenly distributed granules.

Subsp. Pine Mountain (A.R.Bean 9452) Vic. Herbarium): Shrub to 2 m high. Leaves 2–5 cm long. Petals white.

Rare Vic.

VICFLORA description of *Astrotricha linearis* subsp. Pine Mountain (as *Astrotricha linearis* subsp. 1):
<https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/b5417957-f4f0-4399-bd25-a9ca452296f7> (accessed 13 April 2021)

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