

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

## Common name

Megalong Valley bottlebrush

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Shrubby swamp communities and near streams. Restricted to a small section of the eastern Megalong Valley, Blue Mountains.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 5 m high. Leaves with sharp points. Bark almost papery, flaking or peeling. Branchlets hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 3–5.5 cm long, 3.5–5 mm wide, leathery, almost hairless, margins and **midrib** usually thickened. Flower **spikes** 30–40 mm wide, with about 20–60 flowers. Individual flowers with 5 greenish **petals** each 2.5–3 mm long, **Stamen filaments** pinky purple, 9.5–15 mm long. Flowers Spring to early Summer.

Critically endangered Australia. Critically endangered NSW. Provisions of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile with photos: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10517> (accessed 4 January 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Callistemon~megalongensis> (accessed 4 January 2021)

NSW Scientific committee description: <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Animals-and-plants/Scientific-Committee/Determinations/2013/megalong-valley-bottlebrush-nsw-scientific-committee-final-determination.pdf?la=en&hash=77922E13B9941270A890C9E987E5AAB97EFE4103> (accessed 4 January 2021)

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