

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens north of Mbruya



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, near Vincentia

## Common name

Silky cryptandra

## Family

Rhamnaceae

## Where found

**Heath** on rocky outcrops and in gullies. Coast and ranges north from Bermagui.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1.5 m high. Young branches densely **stellate**-hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), sometimes also with sparse **simple** hairs. Leaves in clusters and **alternating** up the stems, 0.1–1.1 cm long, 0.4–2.2 mm wide, margins rolled down; tips pointed, blunt, or occasionally with a short **mucro**; upper surface hairless, smooth or often warty, lower surface partly visible or not visible, densely grey-stellate-hairy, sometimes becoming hairless. Flowers white or cream, sometimes pinkish with age, tubular, the tube 1.2–2.5 mm long, with 5 **erect** or **spreading** lobes each 2–3.3 mm long. **Bracts** covering the bases of the flowers light brown. Flowers in clusters of 1–10. Flowers Autumn–Spring.

*Cryptandra propinqua* in PlantNET.

Description above based on Kellermann, J. & Udovicic, F., (2007) A revision of the *Cryptandra propinqua* complex (Rhamnaceae: Pomaderreae). *Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales* 128: 83, 85–86 Fig. 1

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cryptandra~propinqua> (accessed 30 April 2021)

Note that this description is unchanged from that in Harden, GJ (ed.) (1990) *Flora of New South Wales* Volume 1, page 371, dating from before *Cryptandra propinqua* and *Cryptandra speciosa* were separated.

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