

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Jeff Jeanes, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board



Fruiting branches. Photographer Tony Rodd, Kosciuszko National Park



Shrub. Photographer Tony Rodd, Kosciuszko National Park

## Common name

Leafy anchor plant, Shining anchor plant

## Family

Rhamnaceae

## Where found

**Woodland, grassland**, rocky situations usually near small waterfalls, and along streams. Kosciuszko National Park.

## Notes

**Deciduous shrub** to 5.5 m high. Stems hairless. Younger branches with paired spines 8–18 mm long. Spines shed from older stems. Spines and stems greyish brown except in the current season's growth, which is green. Leaves opposite each other, 1–2.5 cm long, 3–7 mm wide, persistent, shining, tips blunt or minutely **mucronate** within an **apical** notch, margins with minute teeth. Flowers about 2 mm long, 3 mm in diameter, bell-shaped, white, with 4-5 **spreading sepals**, 0 **petals**. Flowers clustered beneath the spines, up to 10 flowers at some **nodes**. Flowers November to December.

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

Endangered Vic. Listed in the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, Vic.

Description mostly taken from NSW Threatened Species profile:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10233> (accessed 5 January, 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Discaria~nitida> (accessed 5 January, 2021)

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