

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and leafy stems (var. *calvertiana*)  
Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stem (var. *versicolor*) Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub (var. *versicolor*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems (var. *calvertiana*). Photographer Don Wood, Bulee Gap NE of Nerriga

## Common name

A heath

## Family

Ericaceae

## Where found

**Forest, shrubland**, and rocky areas. Ranges and the eastern edge of the tablelands north from west of Tuross **Head**. Coastal north of Ulladulla. Rarely farther south.

var. *calvertiana*: Ranges and the eastern edge of the tablelands north from west of Tuross Head. Coastal north From Jervis Bay. Rarely farther south.

var. *versicolor*: Coast, ranges, and Southern Highlands between Wollongong and Nowra. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1.8 m high. Stems with inconspicuous leaf scars; branchlets **woolly**. Leaves scattered or overlapping, 0.56–1.43 cm long, 1.4–3 mm wide, thin, concave or rolled upwards at the tips, margins **entire** or fringed towards the leaf bases, tips gradually tapering to a fine tip. Flowers white or cream-green, sometimes with a pink or red tube, tubular, the tube 10.2–16 mm long, with 5 **spreading** lobes each 3.8–5.5 mm long, concave or rolled upwards at the tips. No hairs on the inside of the flowers. Flowers in long leafy clusters. Flowers Winter to Spring.

var. *calvertiana*: Flowers usually 3–5 mm in diameter, white or cream or cream-green.

var. *versicolor*: Flowers usually 5–7 mm in diameter, the tube pink to red and lobes white or cream.

Family was Epacridaceae.

PlantNET description of species and key to varieties: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?pagen=swfl&lv=sp&name=Epacris~calvertiana> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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