

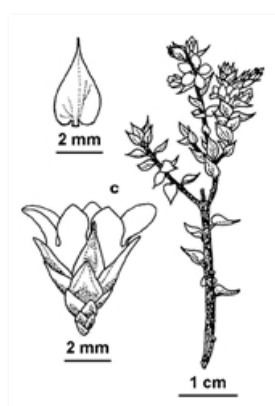
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tasmanian Arboretum, 10 kmsouth of Devonport, Tas



Line drawings. c. flowering branch; leaf undersurface; flower. BM Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

A heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **heath**, grasslands, stream banks, and wet, peaty sites. Kosciuszko National Park, western ACT, tablelands, and ranges.

Notes

Shrub to 1m high. Leaf tips more or less sharp. Old stems dark brown, bare, with raised, crescentric leaf scars. Branchlets rounded to ribbed, brown, hairy. Leaves scattered, evenly spaced, extending well down the branches, 0.2–0.7 cm long, 1.5–6 mm wide, hairless, bases with rounded to pointed lobes, margins sometimes partly translucent, rough, **midrib** on the lower surface forming a weak **keel**. Flowers white, 5 mm in diameter, bell-shaped, the tube 1.2–2.5 mm long, shorter than the **sepals**, with 5 **spreading** lobes 1.7–2.7 mm long. No hairs on the inside of the flowers. Sepals white or with a red-tinge. Flowers clustered near the tops of the stems and spreading down the stems for 20–30 cm. Flowers most of the year.

The low **shrub** less than 0.5 m high that occurs in alpine **feldmark**, treated as *Epacris gunnii* in Mark Ballantyne, Catherine M. Pickering, Keith L. McDougall and Genevieve T. Wright: Sustained impacts of a hiking trail on changing Windswept Feldmark vegetation in the Australian Alps *Australian Journal of Botany* (2014) 62, 263–275, is now regarded as *Epacris microphylla* in the broad sense as described in *Kosciuszko Alpine Flora*. However, it is likely to be an as yet unnamed species. (personal communication from Genevieve Wright, April 2018)

Family was Epacridaceae.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Epacris-gunnii> (accessed 13 January, 2019)

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