Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flow ering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Vincentia



Flow ering shrub. Australian Flant Image Index, photographer Peter Ollerenshaw, Kuringai Chase National Park, Sydney



Line drawings. k. flowering branch; leaf undersurface; flower. BMMayfield, National Herbariumof Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board,

Common name

Blunt-leaf heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Woodland, wet heath, moist cliff lines, and swampy situations. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands, mainly north of Batemans Bay and south of Eden.

Notes

Shrub to about 1 m high, sometimes more. Stems with inconspicuous leaf scars. Branchlets hairy. Leaves crowded, 0.35–1.15 cm long, 1–3.1 mm wide, tips blunt and sometimes turned up, margins entire or with minute teeth; blades thick, flat to more or less concave. Flowers white to cream, 4.5–10 mm in diameter, tubular to narrowly bell-shaped, the tube 4–14.2 mm long, with 5 spreading lobes. No hairs on the inside of the flowers. Flowers sometimes on one side of the branches, in long leafy clusters. Flowers throughout the year.

Family was Epacridaceae.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Epacris~obtusifolia (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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