

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Chris Clarke, Lake Mountain, Vic



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, east of Cooma



Shrub. Photographer Arthur Chapman, Kosciuszko National Park

Common name

Swamp Heath, Alpine Heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Wet **heath**, along rocky streams, and in swamps and bogs. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and the ranges. Occasionally on the tablelands.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high, or sprawling to **prostrate**. Leaves with sharp tips. Stems with prominently ridged leaf scars, or with short hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves scattered, 0.5–1.3 cm long, 1–3 mm wide, tips pointed, margins with minute teeth; **blades** thick, more or less flat. Flowers white, tubular, the tube 4–6 mm long, with 5 **spreading** lobes each 2–4 mm long. No hairs on the inside of the flowers. **Sepals** and **bracts** often reddish brown. Flowers crowded, forming leafy **heads** or **spikes**. Flowering: throughout the year, mainly September–January

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~paludosa> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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