# **Plants of South Eastern New South Wales**



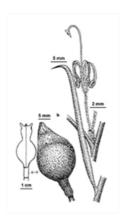
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#### Common name

Hooked Needlewood

## **Family**

Proteaceae

### Where found

Woodland and shrubland. Occurs as individual trees or in dense thickets of shrubby plants. Western Slopes.

### **Notes**

Shrub or tree to 8 m tall. Leaf tips with a sharp curved point. Branchlets rusty hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves alternating up the stems, 2-9 cm long, 1-1.8 mm in diameter, narrow cylindrical, rigid, hairy becoming hairless, tips hooked, with a mucro 0.8-2 mm long. Flowers white or cream to whitish green with appressed white and rusty hairs, with 4 'petals' 5–6 mm long, free from each other when the flowers are fully open. Gynoecium 7–10 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 6-22 flowers, often several clusters close together. Flowering: spring. 'Nut' oval, 20-30 mm long, 15-20 mm wide, more or less smooth, sometimes warty, horns blunt, to 2 mm long. Seeds with one wing.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hakea~tephrosperma (accessed 8 April 2021)

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