

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



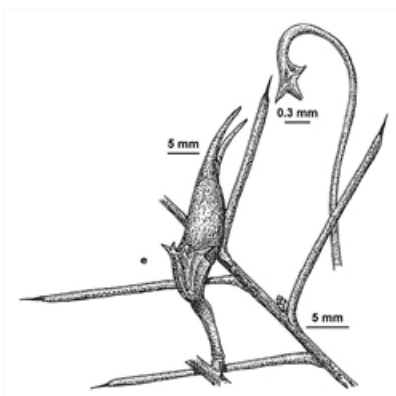
Flowering stem with 'nuts'. (subsp. *teretifolia*).
Photographer Don Wood, Morton National Park



Shrub (subsp. *teretifolia*). Australian Plant Image
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Flowering branches with 'nuts' (subsp. *hirsuta*).
Photographer Photographer Jackie Miles



Line drawings (subsp. *hirsuta*). e. leaf; tips of style
(pollen-presenter); 'nut'. GRM Dashorst, State
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Common name

Needlebush, Dagger Hakea

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Forest, **woodland**, **shrubland**, and **heath**, usually in moist places and swampy sites. Coast, ranges, and the eastern tablelands.

subsp. *hirsuta*: Coast, ranges and eastern edge of the tablelands.

subsp. *teretifolia*: Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands. North of west of Araluen.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m high. Leaf tips sharp. New growth whitish hairy, almost hairless at flowering. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, often crowded, 0.5–7.7 cm long, 0.8– about 2 mm in diameter, rigid, cylindrical, sometimes flattened when young, surfaces hairless. Flowers with 4 white to yellowish '**petals**' 3.7–6 mm long, covered with white hairs, free from each other when the flowers are fully open.

Gynoecium 5–17 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 4-8 flowers, often several clusters close together. 'Nut' 16–30 mm long, 5–9 mm wide, finely black-warty or smooth, dark brown-streaked, tapering into a long **beak**, lacking horns at the tips. Flowers September–February. Seeds with one **wing**.

subsp. *hirsuta*: Individual flower stalks and '**petals**' densely hairy with raised hairs, some **appressed**.

subsp. *teretifolia*: Individual flower stalks and '**petals**' densely hairy with appressed shiny hairs, some almost **erect**.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?pagen=swfl&lvl=sp&name=Hakea-teretifolia> (accessed 8 April 2021)

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