

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, just outside Wadbilliga National Park



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo

## Common name

Burgan

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland, heath**, grassy areas, and along streams and moist areas. Weedy after natural vegetation is cleared for grazing (personal communication from Roger Farrow, 25 January, 2021). Widespread.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 5 m tall. Young stems hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.6-2.5 cm long, 1-4.5 mm wide, tips pointed, surfaces hairy with fine hairs to hairless. Flowers to 9 mm in diameter, with 5 white **petals** 1.5-3 mm long, crowded on leafy side branches or in the **axils** of the upper leaves. **Stamens** 1-4 mm long. Flowers Spring to Autumn. Forms extensive stands after fire.

PlantNET notes that *Kunzea ericoides* in the strict sense is a New Zealand species. In eastern Australia, the name has been applied to a very diverse range of plants that vary in **habit**, leaf shape, hairiness and branching. No taxonomic resolution of the Australian populations has been made yet.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Kunzea-ericoides> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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