

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



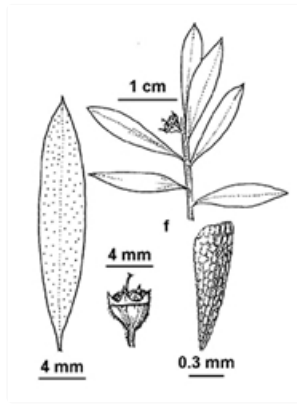
Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Nerrigundah, west of Bodalla



Young nuts and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer A Lyne Jamieson, Vic



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Line drawings. f. branchlet, leaf, nut, seed. SM Clarke, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Slender tea-tree

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, stream banks, gullies, and rocky outcrops. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub or small tree to 4 m tall or more. Bark on smaller stems smooth, shedding in stringy strips, on larger stems rough, finely fissured. Young stems hairy, with a groove or a narrow flange near bases of the leaf stalks. Branches usually weep. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.6–2.5 cm long, usually 2–5 mm wide, margins flat or curved down, surfaces **silky** to hairless; tips blunt or pointed, usually curved, with a minute, sharp point; bases narrowing to a short stalk. Flowers 6–11 mm in diameter, with 5 white **petals**, single or in pairs. Flowers Spring to Summer. Nuts shed early, usually 3–4 mm in diameter, surface silky to sparsely silky.

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=Leptospermum-brevipes> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 382–383, map 5–33

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