

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

A tea tree

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Woodland, **mallee**, and **heath**. Western Slopes.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m high. Bark rough, compacted, fibrous. Leaf tips sharp pointed. Younger stems hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, usually 0.2–0.7 cm long, 1–2 mm wide, surfaces with some **silky** or curled hairs, bases tapering to a short broad stalk. Flowers 6–10 mm in diameter, white, with 5 white **petals**, single. Flowering: August–October. Nuts shed early, about 4 mm in diameter, surface hairy.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Leptospermum-divaricatum> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 386–387, map 5–38

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