Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

**Common name**

Button tea-tree, Alpine tea-tree

**Family**

Myrtaceae

**Where found**

Forest and woodland. Heath in exposed rocky mountain areas, or among granite boulders. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and ACT. Tablelands south of the Hume Highway.

**Notes**

Shrub to 3 m tall. Bark on smaller stems smooth and papery or becoming rough, shedding in papery flakes, on larger stems smooth, shedding in papery strips. Younger stems with a narrow flange near the bases of the leaf stalks, hairy or hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, alternating up the stems, 0.7-2.2 cm long, 3-14 mm wide, margins flat or curved down, often hairy, surfaces with prominent glands, tips broad and rounded with a conical point, or pointed with a short blunt point; bases tapering or rounded above a short stalk. Flowers single, occasionally 2 together, 10-15 mm in diameter, with 5 white petals, single, occasionally in pairs. Flowers Summer. Nuts persisting, very variable in size, usually 5-9 mm in diameter, often submerged in the stem; surface lifting, flaking, later gnarled.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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