

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches and young nuts. Photographer Don Wood, Pointer Gap Lookout, Morton National Park, north west of Milton



Flower, mature nut, and leaves. Photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA



Shrub. Photographer Tony Rodd, Heathcote National Park near Sydney

Common name

Morrison's tea-tree

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Woodland, **shrubland**, and along streams, often on rocky escarpments. Coast and ranges. Occasionally on the tablelands.

Notes

Shrub or tree to more than 5 m tall. Bark rough and finely fissured, eventually corrugated. Stems with short hairs, and with a thick flange often tending to curve around the stem. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 1.5-3.5 cm long, 2-8 mm wide, margins flat or curved down, surfaces **silky** at first, soon hairless; tips pointed, the point blunt and folded upwards; bases tapering, with a very short stalk. Flowers usually 12-15 mm in diameter, with 5 greenish cream or white **petals**. Flowers Spring to Summer. Nuts persistent, usually 6–10 mm in diameter.

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

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 402-403, map 7-46

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