

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Reserve near Nowra



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Flowering branch. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer S Douglas, Glenorie, Sydney

## Common name

Small-leaved tea-tree

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**. Coast and ranges north from Jervis Bay. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 2 m tall. Bark rough, flaking. Stems hairy to hairless. Prominent leaf scars on older branches. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, mostly 0.3-0.8 cm long, 1-3 mm wide, usually hairless; tips usually rounded, flat or curved upwards; bases tapering to a slender stalk about 1 mm in length. Flowers about 10 mm in diameter, with 5 white or pink **petals**. Flowers mostly Spring. Nuts often held through the season before being readily shed, about 4 mm in diameter, hairy.

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

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 363-364, map 4-16

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