

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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

Common name

A tea-tree

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Shrubby areas on exposed rocky outcrops in and near Kanangra-Boyd National Park

Notes

Introduced shrub to 3 m high. Leaves with sharp points. Bark rough, later flaking in strips. Younger stems with short hairs. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, variable in size but usually about 1.5 cm long and 5–6 mm wide, margins flat or curved down, surfaces mostly hairless; tips usually rounded with a small notch; bases tapering; stalkless. Flowers about 22 mm in diameter, with 5 white **petals**, single. Nuts long-persistent, 6–8 mm in diameter, surface lifting, later scaly.

Native to Queensland and northern NSW.

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

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 436-437, map 9-76

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