

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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

## Common name

A tea-tree

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Shrubby communities and **heath** on sandstone cliffs and escarpments. Mountains west of Sydney.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1 m high. Leaves with sharp points. Bark rough. Younger stems with long **appressed** hairs, becoming hairless, and with a conspicuous flange, extended rather than curving around the stem. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, about 1–2 cm long and 1–3 mm wide, surfaces becoming hairless, bases gradually tapering, stalkless. Flowers 10–12 mm in diameter, with 5 white **petals**, single. Flowers Mar.–May and Sept.–Oct. Nuts long persistent, 6–10 mm in diameter, surface ultimately gnarled.

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

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 420–421, map 8–61

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