

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Greg Steenberke, Marrangaroo, near Lithgow

## Common name

A tea-tree

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Forest** and **heath** on ridges or escarpments, especially on sandstone. Ranges and the eastern edge of the tablelands north from Blackheath.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 2 m high. Leaves with sharp tips. Bark rough. Younger stems usually hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, mostly 0.5–2 cm long and 2–5 mm wide, thick, margins flat, curved down or curved upwards, surfaces more or less hairless; bases broadly or narrowly tapering to a short thick stalk. Flowers single, 10–20 mm in diameter, with 5 greenish white or pink **petals**, single. Flowers Spring. Nuts persistent, usually 7–10 mm in diameter.

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

Additional information in: Thompson, J. (8 December 1989), A revision of the genus *Leptospermum* (Myrtaceae). *Telopea* 3(3): 433-434, map 9-73

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