

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch (subsp. *subulata*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering branches (subsp. *subulata*). Photographer Don Wood, Bungonia State Conservation Area east of Goulburn



Flowering shrub (subsp. *subulata*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Eyre Peninsula, SA

Common name

Peach Heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, **heath**, and moist places. Widespread.

subsp. *strigosa*: Sydney area and the Blue Mountains, south to west of Wollongong

subsp. *subulata*: Widespread.

Notes

Shrub 1 m high or more or less sprawling. Suckers. Leaves with sharp tips. Branchlets covered with minute bristles or hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems or crowded, 0.34–1.7 cm long, 0.5–2.2 mm wide, **mucronate**, upper surface hairless to hairy lower surface whitish between the strongly 3-ribbed **veins**; margins smooth, slightly curved down. Flowers strongly scented, white to pink, occasionally red, tubular, the tube urn-shaped, 1.9–6.0 mm long, with 5 lobes 0.9–1.6 mm long, more or less hairless, often with a small tuft of hairs at the throat. Sepals often pinkish. Flowers **erect**, on short stalks, in clusters of 2–9. Fruit greenish to white, hairy, more or less fleshy. Flowers winter-summer.

subsp. strigosa: Leaves crowded, 0.34–0.58 cm long, 0.5–0.8 mm wide, usually with a single thick **midrib** on lower surface which is grooved on each side, tips 0.4–0.7 mm long. Flowers with **sepals** 0.8–1.1 mm long, the tube 1.9–3.2 mm long, lobes 0.9–1.2 mm long.

subsp. subulata: Leaves alternating up the stems, 0.6–1.7 cm long, 0.7–2.2 mm wide, veins strongly 3–5-ribbed and grooved on lower surface, tips 0.6–1.9 mm long. Flowers with sepals 0.9–1.6 mm long, the tube 2.3–6 mm long, lobes 1.0–1.6 mm long.

Family was Epacridaceae.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lissanthe~strigosa> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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