

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, North Head, Sydney

Common name

Prickly-leaved Paperbark

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

A variety of **habitats**, especially in dry **forest** and coastal **heath**. Coast and ranges north of Wollongong. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub usually to 4 m high. Leaves with sharp tips. Bark corky to papery. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, mostly 1–4 cm long, 1–3 mm wide, rigid, very variable, cylindrical, **linear** or oblong, surfaces hairless. Flowers in dense **heads**. Individual flowers in clusters of 1–3, white to yellow, with 5 **petals** each 1–1.5 mm long. **Stamens** much longer than petals. Flowers spring–summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Melaleuca~nodosa> (accessed 10 April 2021)

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