

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Prickly-leaved tea-tree

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Forest, along streams, and in other moist sites. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands, mainly north from Jervis Bay

Notes

Shrub or tree to 20 m tall. Leaves with sharp tips. Bark papery or hard, fissured. Branchlets hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.4-2.5 cm long, 2-7 mm wide, often twisted, with 15-30 longitudinal **veins**, surfaces hairless. Flower **heads** white, few- to many-flowered, 10-20 mm long, to about 25 mm wide. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**, each 1-2 mm long. **Stamens** 7-11 mm long. Flowers Spring-Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Melaleuca~styphelioides> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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