

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Goobang National Park, near Parkes



Flowering stem and flower buds. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Goobang National Park, near Parkes



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Goobang National Park, near Parkes

## Common name

Ruby Urn Heath

## Family

Ericaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland, shrubland**, and rocky outcrops. Western Slopes. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1.2 m high. Fruit fleshy. Leaves sharp pointed. Branchlets hairy, with prominent leaf scars. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, crowded towards the ends of the stems, 1.1–3 cm long, 1.4–4.2 mm wide, hairless or finely rough, deeply 8–16-ribbed on lower surface, margins finely toothed. Flowers pink to deep red, tubular, the tube cup-shaped, 2.5–3.8 mm long, with 5 **spreading** lobes 1.5–2.2 mm long. Flowers single at the bases of the leaves, almost hidden among the leaves, forming leafy clusters. Flowering: February–October. Fruit red, flattened round, 4–5 mm long, finely ribbed.

Family was Epacridaceae.

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

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