

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Carnarvon National Park, E of Blackall, QLD



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Carnarvon National Park, E of Blackall, QLD

Common name

Jam tarts

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**. Sydney area, Blue Mountains, and Southern Highlands. Tablelands north from east of Bredbo. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 0.2 m high, or sprawling or forming mats. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets hairy, with prominent leaf scars. Leaves crowded, 1.1–2.8 cm long, 1.2–4 mm wide, rough with scattered longer hairs, deeply 10–14 ribbed on the lower surface, margins often narrow-translucent, with scattered short to long hairs. Flowers cream or pale green with pink-tinged lobes, tubular, the tube saucer-shaped, 2–2.5 mm long, with 5 **spreading** lobes 3–3.5 mm long. Flowers single, on the underside of the branches, forming leafy clusters. Flowering: July–September. Fruit green to red, flattened round, 2–4 mm long, green to red, smooth, hairless.

Family was Epacridaceae.

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

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