

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



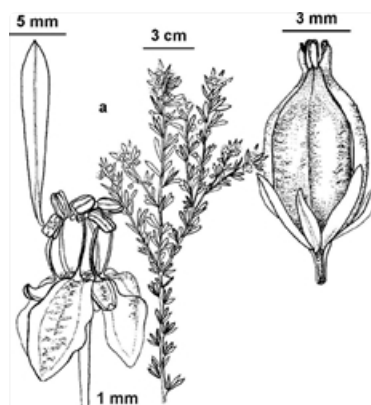
Female flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens, north of Mbruya



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



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



Line drawings. a. flowering branch; leaf; male flower; seed case. E. Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Box micrantheum

## Family

Picrodendraceae

## Where found

**Forest**, disturbed sites, rocky outcrops, and along streams. Coastal north from Jervis Bay. Western Slopes south and east of the Hume Highway. Widespread elsewhere.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m high. More or less hairless, branches sometimes hairy. Leaves in clusters of 2-5, usually in 3s, the clusters **alternating** up the stems, 0.8–2 cm long, 2–4 mm wide, margins flat, surfaces hairless, tips with a short **mucro**. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers with 4 or 6 '**petals**'. Male '**petals**' 1-3 mm long; female '**petals**' 3–5 mm long. Male flowers with 6 to 9 **stamens**. Flowers 1–3 together at the bases of the leaves, forming leafy clusters. Flowering: spring-summer.

Family was Euphorbiaceae.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Micrantheum~hexandrum> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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