

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, near Mongarlowe east of Braidwood

Common name

Blush daisy bush, Silky daisy-bush

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassland, moist gullies, and swampy areas. Widespread. No records from the Western Slopes north and west of the Hume Highway.

Notes

Shrub to 1.5 m high. Branchlets closely covered by whitish T-shaped hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.4–3 cm long, 3–22 mm wide, tips pointed or blunt or rounded, finely **mucronate**, margins toothed, occasionally **entire**, upper surface hairless, dark green, lower surface whitish-, silvery-, or grey-hairy. Flower **heads** with 2–4, white '**petals**', and violet to mauve, or pale yellow centres. Flower heads 13–21 mm in diameter overall, conical below the '**petals**'. Flower heads in clusters at the tops of the stems and at the bases of the leaves on short **lateral** shoots. Flowering: November–March

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=Olearia-myrsinoides> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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