

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Nullica State Forest south of Eden



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Miles



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tas



Line drawing. (as *Eriostemon virgatus*). f. flowering branch. T Brosch, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Tasmanian waxflower

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Forest, heath, and rocky areas. Coast and ranges south from Pambula.

Notes

Shrub to about 4 m high. Young stems bluntly triangular in cross section, becoming cylindrical, thin-textured, hairless, dotted with many oil **glands**, sparsely to densely warty. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 1–2 cm long, 2–4 mm wide, tips blunt to rounded or squared off, **mucronate**, margins more or less curved down, surfaces hairless, upper surface dotted with glands, lower surface smooth to slightly **glandular**-warty. Flowers white or pale pink, with 4 (rarely 5) **petals** each about 5.5 mm long.

Stamens free from each other, the **filaments** usually hairy from the base, sometimes cohering by intertwined hairs. Flowers single. Flowers May–Dec.

Protected NSW.

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Philotheca~virgata> (accessed 25 January, 2021)

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