

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Two River Plain east of Cooma



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Shrub. Photographer Russell Best, NW of Melbourne, Vic



Line drawing f. flowering branch. M.Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Smooth rice-flower

Family

Thymelaeaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassland, rocky areas, and sand dunes. Widespread, Coastal mainly in the Sydney area.

Notes

Shrub to 1 m high or **spreading** to **prostrate**. Stems hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 0.3–2 cm long, 1–7 mm wide, hairless, usually bluish green, tips bent downwards and **mucronate**. Flowers bisexual, creamy-white to white, 10–15 mm long, tubular, hairy with short hairs except for the base, with 4 lobes each 2–4 mm long. Flowers in **heads** of 7–35 flowers, **subtended** by 4 leaflike **bracts** 0.6–1.6 cm long, 2–8 mm wide, green, hairless outside, the inner bracts densely to sparsely hairy inside, margins fringed. Flowers mainly winter-summer.

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=Pimelea-glauca> (accessed 31 January, 2021)

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