

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Brisbane Ranges, Vic



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Common name

Dwarf Rice-flower, Common Rice-flower

Family

Thymelaeaceae

Where found

Dry open **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and sand dunes. Coast south of Tathra. Along the NSW/Vic border. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 0.5 m high. Young stems densely hairy. Leaves opposite each other, mostly 0.5–1.6 cm long, 1–9 mm wide, hairless, medium green, often slightly paler below. Flowers bisexual or female, whitish to creamy white, mostly 13–19 mm long, female flowers shorter, tubular, with 4 **spreading** lobes, each 1–5 mm long. Flowers in 12–52 flowered **heads subtended** by 4 or 6 leaflike **bracts**, each 0.6–1.8 cm long, 3–11 mm wide, hairless on the outer surface, inner surface hairy with short hairs, the hairs sometimes restricted to the **midvein**, yellow at the base, green above. Flowers Sept.–Jan.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pimelea-humilis> (accessed 31 January, 2021)

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