

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Richard Hartland, Mornington Peninsula, Vic



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer R Hotchkiss, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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Common name

Coast Stackhousia

Family

Celastraceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath** in sandy regions, often near beaches, on foredunes, or beside coastal lagoons. Coastal.

Notes

Perennial herb, often shrubby, to 0.5 m high, sometimes sprawling, hairless. Stems **striate**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.8–3 cm long, 2.5–15 mm wide, thick, tips more or less blunt. Flowers fragrant, white to cream, tubular, the tube 6–8 mm long, with 5 lobes 4–5 mm long. Flowers single at the **nodes**, forming a dense cylindrical **spike**. Flowering: winter to summer. Seeds 4–6 mm long, with 3 prominent **wings**.

Family Stackhousiaceae in PlantNET.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Stackhousia~spathulata> (accessed 27 April 2021)

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