

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants key, photographer unknown



Fruiting branches. Photographer Jackie Miles, Jerrys Rains west of Singleton



Fruiting branches. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld

Common name

Bead Bush, Square-stemmed Broom

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Forest. North from Razorback south of Camden.

Notes

Shrub to about 2 m high, often **scrambling**, forming a tangled mass. Fruit fleshy. Stems 4-angled or longitudinally ribbed, young stems sparsely hairy, becoming hairless. Stems somewhat sticky, and with scars from fallen leaves. Leaves often reduced and scale-like, larger on young shoots, opposite each other, 0.3–2 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, margins **entire** or sparsely toothed, surfaces hairless. Leaves often falling early. Flowers white, 3–4 mm long, tubular, with 5 lobes. Flowers single or in few-flowered clusters. Flowering: throughout the year, but chiefly summer. Fruit orange to red, round, 2–4 mm in diameter.

Was *Spartothamnella juncea*. Family was Chloanthaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Teucrium-juncea> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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