

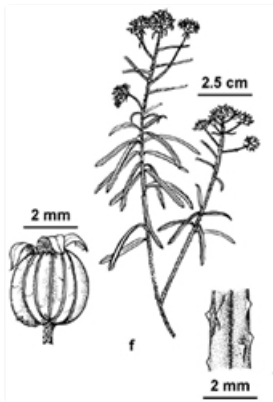
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, southern edge of Bournda National Park near Tura Beach



Flowering shrub. Photographer Steve Burrows, Bournda National Park south of Tathra



Line drawings (as *Astrotricha* sp. 5). f. flowering branch; seed case; leaf upper surface. K Maling, University of Sydney, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Merimbula star-hair

Family

Araliaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**. Coastal near Tura Beach over a three kilometre stretch beside the Tathra Road, lying partly along the southern edge of Bournda National Park, and near Middle Beach, Merimbula. Ranges south west of Eden along the upper reaches of the Wallagaraugh River.

Notes

Shrub to 1.8 m tall. Branchlets, leaf undersurfaces, and flowers covered with small **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–4 cm long (to 6 cm in juveniles), 1.5–2 mm wide, upper surface convex with conspicuous short wrinkles, these often each capped with a small rough point, margins curved down; tips rounded. Flowers pale green to cream with 5 **petals** 2.3–2.5 mm long. Flowers in clusters 3–20 cm long. Flowering: October–December.

Leaves convex, margins curved down, shorter and usually wider than the leaves of *Astrotricha linearis*.

Full name *Astrotricha* sp. Wallagaraugh (R.O.Makinson 1228) NSW Herbarium

Endangered NSW (as *Astrotricha* sp. Wallagaraugh). Provisions of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

Vulnerable Vic (as *Astrotricha* sp. 5).

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=20053> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

PlantNET description: [https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Astrotricha-sp.+Wallagaraugh+\(R.O.Makinson+1228\)](https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Astrotricha-sp.+Wallagaraugh+(R.O.Makinson+1228)) (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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