

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower, flower buds, and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, SE Forests National Park



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Mountain phebalium

## Family

Rutaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **shrubland**, **heath**, and near streams. Ranges and tablelands south from Big Badja Mountain NE of Cooma. Kosciuszko National Park. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Shrub** to about 1.6 m high. Stalks of individual flowers, and **calyces**, more or less fleshy. Branchlets slightly angular when young, finely **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see) in longitudinal bands between the bases of the leaf stalks, which continue down the stems. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.5–3 cm long, 1.5–3 mm wide, more or less cylindrical, tips pointed to blunt, margins curved to rolled down, upper surface smooth and hairless, lower surface usually white stellate-hairy, rarely hairless. Flowers yellow, with 5 **petals** each 3.5–5 mm long, hairless, **gland**-dotted. Flowers 1-3 together, forming more or less cylindrical leafy clusters. Flowering: spring-summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Leionema~phylicifolium> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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