

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Mies



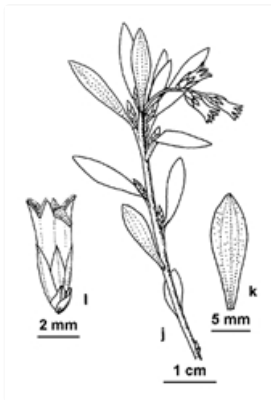
Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Wadbilliga National Park



Fruiting branch. Photographer Nimal G. Karunajeewa, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



Shrub. Photographer Nimal G. Karunajeewa, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



Line drawings. j. flowering branch; k. flower; l. flower. BM Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Drooping beard-heath

## Family

Ericaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, scree slopes, amongst rocks, and in moist gullies. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and ACT. Tablelands and ranges south of the Kings Highway.

## Notes

**Shrub** to about 2 m high. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets hairy with fine hairs to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.55–3 cm long, 2–6.5 mm wide, upper surface flat to slightly convex, lower surface strongly **striate** veined, margins **entire** to finely toothed towards the tips, tips pointed or blunt. Flowers white, tubular, the tube 2.1–5 mm long, hairy inside near the throat, with 5 hairy lobes each 1.3–2.5 mm long. Flowers hanging down, 3–8 together in **spikes** 7–15 mm long. Flowering: September–February, sometimes

also July. Fruit pink to translucent red, sometimes yellowish, 3.5–4 mm long, oval to round.

Family was Epacridaceae.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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