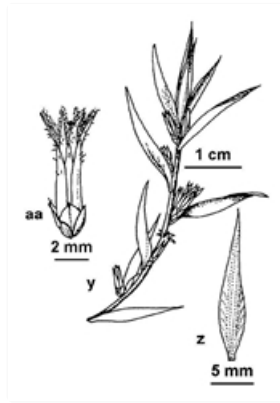


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Andrew Brown, near Bendigo.



Line drawings. y. flowering branch; z. leaf underside; aa. flower. E.M. Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board.



Shrub. Photographer Andrew Brown, near Bendigo.

Common name

A beard-heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Mallee, heath, and rocky areas. Western Slopes.

Notes

Shrub usually to 0.6 m high. Leaves with long fine sharp points. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets hairless to hairy with fine hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.6–2.5 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, concave to rarely flat, paler below, hairless to hairy; margins **entire** or with minute teeth, tips with a stiff bristle. Flowers white, soon reddening on drying, 5.3–6.6 mm long, tubular, densely **bearded** inside near the throat, with 5 hairy lobes shorter than the tube. Flowers 2–5 together, in **spikes** 6–9 mm long. Flowers Nov – March. Fruit about 6 mm long, oval.

Styphelia rufa in VICFLORA. (accessed 26 February, 2021)

Family was Epacridaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?pagen=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Leucopogon~rufus> (accessed 26 February, 2021)

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