

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, McDonald State Forest west of Sussex Inlet



Leafy stems with fruit. Photographer Jackie Miles, Deua National Park

## Common name

A beard-heath

## Family

Ericaceae

## Where found

**Forest, mallee, heath**, and moist places, often on sandstone. Coast and ranges.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1.5 m high. Leaf tips sharp. Branchlets rough. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.7–1.2 cm long, 1.4–4 mm wide, usually hairless, flat to convex on the upper surface, lower surface finely **striate** veined, margins curved down or flat, **entire** or with minute teeth towards the tips. Flowers white, tubular, the tube 2.3–3 mm long, with 5 hairy lobes each 2.6–4 mm long. Flowers **spreading** to hanging down, on stalks 1–9.5 mm long, 1–4 together, in 10–16 mm long **spikes**. Flowering: July–October. Fruit initially fleshy, dry when fully ripe, yellow to green, oval, about 4.2 mm long.

Family was Epacridaceae.

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

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