

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, Bombala State Forest near Bombala



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Common name

Native Musk, Silver Shrub, Musk daisy-bush

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, rainforest margins, and wet gullies. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 15 m high. Bark fissured to slightly stringy, flaky. Branchlets covered by **appressed** silvery or pale brown hairs, sometimes becoming hairless with age. Leaves smell slightly musky, **alternating** up the stems, 1.5–20 cm long, 10–90 mm wide, upper surface at first appressed hairy, soon becoming hairless and shiny green, lower surface silvery or white, **venation reticulate**, margins toothed, scalloped, or **entire**, tips gradually tapering to a point or pointed, **mucronate**. Flower **heads** 10–27 mm in diameter overall, conical below the '**petals**', with 3–8 white '**petals**', and cream or pale yellow centres. Flower heads in many-flowered branched clusters at the tops of the stems. Flowering: September–April.

Hybridises with *Olearia erubescens*.

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=Olearia-argophylla> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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