

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, Smokers Flat, Namadgi National Park, ACT



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



Flowering shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, unknown place

Common name

Heath daisy-bush

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and near swampy areas. ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m high or sprawling. Branchlets densely hairy, sticky, sometimes becoming more or less hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, crowded, in loose clusters, 0.05–0.3 cm long, 0.3–1 mm wide, upper surface hairless or almost hairless, sometimes rough towards the margins, **venation** indistinct, margins thick and rolled down, partly to largely obscuring the grey-hairy lower surface, tips pointed or blunt. **'Petals'** 3–7, white to pink, mauve, or blue, and cream to mauve centres. Flower **heads** 8–13 mm in diameter overall, conical below the **'petals'**. Flower heads single, appearing clustered, terminating short **lateral** branches or leaf clusters. Flowering: July–February.

Intergrades with *Olearia algida* in Vic.

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~floribunda> (accessed 28 January, 2021)

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