

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Jervis Bay National Park, NSW



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Twelve Mile Road, Mbrton National Park



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Peter Olerenshaw, Mt Victoria, Blue Muntains

## Common name

Heath kunzea

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, rocky areas, and temporarily swampy areas. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands mainly north of Bawley Point. Occasional coastal sightings farther south.

subsp. *capitata*: On sandy soils, mainly in heath, and often associated with temporarily swampy areas..

subsp. *seminuda*: Usually associated with sandstone outcrops and often growing on shallow soil on rock platforms. Open areas in woodland to forest, or in heath-like scrub.

Where the two subspecies overlap, they intergrade, e.g. Kings Tableland, Carrington Falls, and south of Sassfras to Tianjara Falls.

The description above is mostly taken from: Toelken, H.R. (15 December 2016), Revision of *Kunzea* (Myrtaceae). 2. Subgenera *Angasomyrtus* and *Salisia* (section *Salisia*) from Western Australia and subgenera *Kunzea* and *Niviferae* (sections *Platyphyllae* and *Pallidiflorae*) from eastern Australia. *Journal of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens* 29: 103-108, Figs. 9, 10

## Notes

**Shrub** to 2 m tall. Young stems hairy, occasionally hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.3-0.9 cm long, 1.5-4.5 mm wide, with 3 main longitudinal **veins**, tips pointed to blunt and with a curved **mucro**, surfaces hairy to hairless, margins sometimes hairy. Flowers with 5 white or pink to purple **petals** each 1-1.5 mm long, in **head**-like clusters. **Stamens** 3.5-4.5 mm long. Flowers Winter to Spring.

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subsp. *capitata*: **Sepals** and upper parts of the **hypanthium** both usually distinctly hairy; leaves mostly with conspicuously warty margins.

Hybridises with *Kunzea ambigua* and *Kunzea rupestris*.

subsp. *seminuda*: Sepals and upper parts of the hypanthium hairless or markedly less hairy than the lower parts; leaves with smooth or faintly warty margins.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Kunzea~capitata>  
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