

Cassinia subtropica F.Muell.

Family:

Asteraceae

Mueller, F.J.H. von (1858) *Fragmenta Phytographiae Australiae* 1: 17. Type: In rupibus montis Lindesay alibique prope sinum Moreton Bay. W. Hill.

Common name:

Subtropic Cassinia; Bushy Rosemary

Stem

Usually flowers and fruits as a shrub about 1-3 m tall.

Leaves

Leaf blades about 2.2-3.4 x 0.6-0.9 cm, petioles short, about 0.5-1 mm long. Lateral veins about 6 or 7 on each side of the midrib. Upper surface of the leaf blade dark green, lower surface almost white because of a covering of short stellate hairs.

Flowers

Flowers about 3-4 x 1 mm. Involucre consists of overlapping bracts with acute apices. Calyx reduced to a ring of about 16-18 silver coloured barbed hairs. Petals tubular, 5-lobed at the apex. Stamens five, anthers about 0.8 mm long, fused to form a tube around the style. Style about 2 mm long with two stigmatic branches.

Fruit

Fruits about 0.5 mm long. Pappus hairs about 2 mm long. Pappus hairs minutely barbed.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

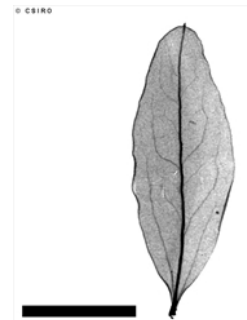
Endemic to Australia, occurs in NEQ, CEQ and southwards as far as north-eastern New South Wales. Altitudinal range in NEQ from 600-800 m. Usually grows in wet sclerophyll forest but sometimes found on rain forest margins or in rain forest regrowth.

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