

## PLANT field guide

## Alpine Baeckea Baeckea gunniana

## When to look:

Flowering usually occurs
December - April

## Similar species:

Very similar in appearance to the Mountain Baeckea (Baeckea utilis). The leaves of the Mountain Baeckea spread more widely and are generally longer (10mm) and wider (3mm). Leaves of the Alpine Baeckea tend to be more curved than the flat leaves seen in the Mountain Baeckea.

The flowers of the Alpine Baeckea are also larger in size, but very similar in appearance.

Flowers grow at axils (upper angle between leaf stalk), usually alone. White or pale pink in colour with circualr petals.

Usually grows 0.5-1m tall, sometimes up to 2m. It usually grows along the ground or against rocks.



Fruits are cup-shaped and roughly 2mm in diameter, with angular seeds



Leaves are oblong shaped and usually crowded. They are usually 2-4mm long and 1mm wide. Thick and concave on both sides, with a pointed tip.

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