

Olearia axillaris
Commonly: Coastal Daisy Bush
Vascular Plant Family: Asteraceae

Flowers autumn and winter

Olearia axillaris is a greyish green shrub up to 2m tall common around the coast.



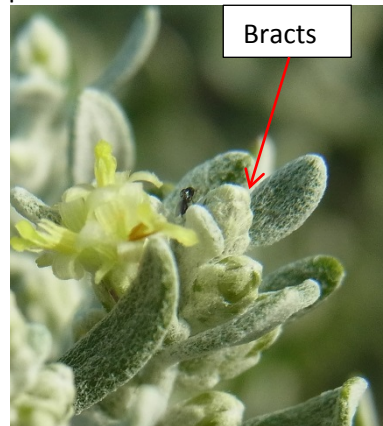
The leaves are up to 20mm long and 4mm wide. The upper side has cobwebby hairs and the lower side has grey to cream dense wool.



There are many flower heads each about 5mm across, without stalks and occurring in a leaf axil.



Each flower has several rows of woolly bracts up to 4mm long. These protect the flowers before opening. The bracts are visible on the bud in this photograph.



There are 2-6 outer flowers which are female, white to cream with a very small white ray. The 4-10 inner florets are bisexual, 5-lobed and tubular, cream to yellow.



The fruits are hairy with a pappus consisting of many barbed bristles. The pappus is obvious in the photograph below and note the old flowers persist.



Refer also to Peppy Plants article [Olearia axillaris](#)