

Plant of the Month

October 2022

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Conospermum acerosum Lindl.



Conospermum acerosum (Needle-leaved Smokebush) is an erect or straggly shrub growing to 1.7 m tall and, as the common name suggests, it has slender, needle-like leaves up to 10 cm long. The showy flowers displayed in axillary clusters are white, often with a shortly hairy pink to red tube and appear in late winter and spring.

The species was first described in John Lindley's 1839 *A Sketch of the Vegetation of the Swan River Colony*, based on specimens collected by James Drummond. Lindley referred to it as a

"strange species" that "might be mistaken for a *Colletia*" (Rhamnaceae).

Needle-leaved Smokebush is widespread in sandy soil from the Murchison River south to Cape Leeuwin.

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[Find out more about *Conospermum acerosum* Lindl.](#)

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