

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Mungarie State Forest west of Mbruya



Open seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer S Donaldson, Caves Road, NSW

## Common name

Showy Boronia, Sydney Boronia, Ledum Boronia

## Family

Rutaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **shrubland**, **heath**, and near streams. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 2.5 m high. Branchlets **stellate**-hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), often **glandular**-warty. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, **simple**, or **compound** with 3–7 leaflets, **terminal** leaflet usually the longest. Simple leaves 0.3–4.3 cm long, 1–7 mm wide. Compound leaves with a **winged rachis** 0.2–0.8 cm long, leaflets 0.4–3.4 cm long, 1–5 mm wide. Leaves/leaflets with the upper surface sparsely hairy to hairless and shining, lower surface hairy and paler, margins **entire** and curved to rolled down, tips pointed to blunt. Flowers pale to bright pink, occasionally white, densely hairy, with 4 **petals** each 5–12 mm long, persistent at the seeding stage. Petal margins touching each other in bud. 8 **stamens**. Flowers in 1-3 flowered clusters. Flowers winter-summer.

Protected NSW.

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Boronia-ledifolia> (accessed 5 January, 2021)

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