

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and buds. Photographer Russell Best, Big Desert, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, South East Forest National Park, Yurramie section

Common name

Pink purslane

Family

Portulacaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and open **woodland**. Coast and ranges south of Cobargo. Sporadic elsewhere.

Notes

Annual or **perennial** herb to about 0.1 m tall, sprawling or **prostrate**, stems to 30 cm long. Leaves fleshy, basal, and **alternating** along the stems or opposite each other, 1-4 cm long, 2-7 mm wide, flattened cylindrical to flat, hairless. Flowers with 5 pink **petals** each 2-3 mm long, 1-1.6 mm wide, in loose clusters of about 3-10-flowers. Flowers Winter to Spring.

Identification to species level of *Calandrinia* usually requires microscopic examination of the seeds.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Calandrinia~calyptrata> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

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