Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



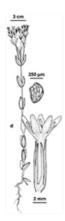
Flow ering stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



Regional Reserve near Nowra



Flowering plant. Photographer Jackie Miles



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Common name

Narrow-flowered centaury, Branched centaury, Slender centaury, Pink stars, Centaury

Family

Gentianaceae

Where found

Disturbed sites and roadsides, often in shady places. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 0.4 m tall. Stems angular, hairless. Basal rosette absent or weakly developed. Leaves opposite each other, 1.5-4 cm long, 5-15 mm wide, hairless. Flowers 7-13 mm long, red to pink, tubular, with five lobes each 3-6 mm long, in branched clusters. Corolla dries purplish. Calyx mostly 6-8 mm long and usually at least half the length of the corolla tube. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Hybridises with Centaurium erythraea.

Differs from *Schenkia australis* in that both branches of the **inflorescence** are about the same size. **Style** is slightly forked; **stigma** lobes kidney-shaped to shoe-shaped, fleshy. Seed case **linear**.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Centaurium-tenuiflorum (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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