

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem (subsp. *sericea*). Photographer Jackie Miles, Goulburn River National Park NE of Mudgee



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Common name

Pink spider flower

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Coast and ranges north of Kiama. Occasionally elsewhere.

subsp. *riparia*: Dry **forest** in flood zones of streams. Western part of the Sydney area, and the Blue Mountains.

subsp. *sericea*: Usually in dry forest. Coast and ranges north of the Illawarra Highway.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high, sometimes **rhizomatous**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, often in **whorls** of 3, usually 2.5–12 cm long, 1–9 mm wide, margins **entire** and curved down, upper surface sparingly dotted, granular along the **veins**, lower surface **appressed** hairy. Flowers with 4 '**petals**' joined together in pairs, '**petals**' pink, purplish pink, deep mauve, or white, appressed hairy outside, **bearded** inside. **Gynoecium** 14–19 mm long; **style** pink, rarely mauve, red or white, mostly hairless. Flower clusters usually curved down, one-sided, 1.5–6 cm long. Flowering: all months, mainly August–December.

In the absence of specific information, seeds of all species of *Grevillea* have been keyed as having one **wing**.

subsp. riparia: Leaves 6–12 cm long, 1–3 mm wide; flower clusters usually enclosed within the foliage; flowers purplish pink or deep mauve.

subsp. sericea: Leaves up to 6 cm long (usually up to 3 cm long), 3–9 mm wide; some or all flower clusters standing clear of the foliage; flowers deep to pale pink or white.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Grevillea~sericea> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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