

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Mmrosa Rocks National Park east of Bega



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT

## Common name

Slender mint, Wild mint

## Family

Lamiaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, and seasonally damp places. Widespread.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb, mat-forming, to 0.25m tall, stems sometimes **erect**. Stems 4-angled, more or less hairy. Leaves with a strong mint smell when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.4-2 cm long, 2-12 mm wide, hairless or hairy, dotted with **glands**, margins **entire** or sometimes toothed, tips somewhat pointed to rounded. Flowers pink or mauve to purple, occasionally white, 4-7 mm long, tubular, with 4 lobes each about 1-2 mm long, vaguely 2-lipped, in clusters of 1-8 flowers at the base of the paired leaves. Flowers all year.

Intergrades with *Mentha satureioides*.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Mentha~diemenica> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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