

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stem and leafy stem. Photographer Jackie Miles



Line drawings. e. flowering branch; calyx. T Brosch, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Pennyroyal

## Family

Lamiaceae

## Where found

Widespread. **Woodland**, grassy areas, moist places, stream banks, and swamps.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to about 0.5 m high, usually rooting at the **nodes**, sometimes **rhizomatous**, often sprawling. Stems 4-angled, more or less densely covered with **simple** hairs. Leaves smelling strongly like spearmint when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.6–3 cm long, 4–20 mm wide, variably hairy, margins **entire** or with small blunt teeth, tips blunt or rounded. Flowers usually pale-mauve to lilac, 4–6 mm long, tubular, vaguely 2-lipped, with 4 lobes, each 1.5–2 mm long. Flowers in dense many-flowered clusters at the base of paired leaves. Flowering: mostly January–April

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

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