

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



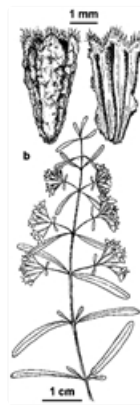
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Line drawings. b. flowering branch: calyx. T Brosch, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Creeping Mint, Native Pennyroyal

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Woodland, **grassland**, and moist sites. Mainly Sydney area. Widespread elsewhere but not common.

Notes

Perennial herb, mat-forming, **rhizomatous**. Flowering branches sometimes becoming **erect**. Stems 4-angled, hairless or covered with short **spreading** hairs. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.5–3.5 cm long, 2–7 mm wide, surfaces somewhat hairless, tips blunt or rounded; margins **entire**. Flowers white, pink, or mauve, 3–5 mm long, tubular, vaguely 2-lipped, with 4 lobes about 1–2 mm long, in 3-flowered clusters at the base of each of a pair of leaves. Flowers throughout the year.

Intergrades with *Mentha diemenica*.

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

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