

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Park north of Nowra



Fruiting cluster. Photographer Richard Hartland, Tambo Crossing, Vic



Shrub. Photographer Richard Hartland, Tambo Crossing, Vic

Common name

Pomax

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, grassy areas, and rocky sites. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub or **perennial** herb to 0.40 m high, sometimes **rhizomatous**. Stems cylindrical, more or less hairy. Leaves opposite each other, 0.4–3 cm long, 2–13 mm wide, bristly, or hairy to hairless, tips pointed, margins curved down. Flowers reddish, 2–3 mm long, tubular, with 5 lobes. Flowers usually 2–6 together in **simple heads** surrounded by a **calyx**-like cup. Flower heads in wheel-like clusters. Flowering: August–December. Empty cups are often reddish, and persist on the plant for some time after the seeds fall.

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=Pomax-umbellata> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

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