

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, Terrick Terrick, Vic



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Mt Gulaga near Tilba Tilba



Line drawings. c. flowering branchlet, leaf; flower. P Strickland, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Snowy mint-bush

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Forest, heath, shrubland, and rocky areas. Widespread, but not in Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m high. Branches 4-ridged, hairless to sparsely covered with white **appressed** hairs, **glands** inconspicuous. Not aromatic. Leaves opposite each other, 1–5 cm long, 0.5–2 mm wide, hairless to sparsely covered with white appressed hairs, light to bright green, glands inconspicuous; margins **entire**, flat to rolled upwards, tips blunt to more or less pointed, bases continuing down the stems. Flowers white to pale mauve, with yellow spots in the throat, 14–18 mm long, with a bell-shaped tube, 2-lipped, 5-lobed. **Calyx** 2-lobed. Flowers single at the base of paired leaves, often crowded towards the ends of the branches in a leafy '**spike**'. Flowering: spring.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Prostanthera~nivea> (accessed 3 February, 2021)

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