

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, near Mbruya



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Common name

Oval-leaf Mintbush, Purple Mintbush

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Forest. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m high. Branches 4-angled, moderately hairy with short, curled hairs, at least on the ridges, and sparsely covered with more or less stalkless **glands**. Non-aromatic or only slightly aromatic. Leaves opposite each other, 0.5–4 cm long, 3–12 mm wide; mid to dark green, lower surface paler, densely covered with more or less stalkless glands, hairless except for the sparsely hairy **midvein** on the lower surface, margins **entire** to slightly and irregularly wavy or lobed, tips blunt to almost pointed; bases continuing down the stems. Flowers mauve or deep blue-purple, rarely white, 6–10 mm long, with a bell-shaped tube, 2-lipped, 5-lobed. **Calyx** 2-lobed. Flowers mostly in leafless clusters. Flowers Winter to Spring.

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

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