

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Jackie Mles



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Big Badja Mountain, NE of Coonra



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

## Common name

Spiked Mint-bush

## Family

Lamiaceae

## Where found

**Forest**, **heath**, and **shrubland**, on rocky outcrops and hillsides. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT and tablelands. Ranges south of the Kings Highway. Coastal south west of Pambula.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 2 m high. Branches 4-ridged, sparsely covered with short, **appressed**, hairs between the ridges, and with more or less stalkless **glands**. The whole plant slightly aromatic. Leaves opposite each other, 0.5–1.5 cm long, 1.5–4 mm wide, mid-green, hairless, sparsely **glandular**, margins **entire** and strongly curved down, tips blunt. Flowers white to pale lilac with purple spots in the throat and yellow spots on the inside of the lower lobe, 12–15 mm long, with a bell-shaped tube, 2-lipped, 5-lobed. **Calyx** 2-lobed. Flowers single at the base of paired leaves. Flowering: October–January

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Rare Vic.

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

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