

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT.



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer K Thaler, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT.

Common name

A Mint-bush

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**. Mainly Sydney area.

Notes

Shrub to 2.5 m high or sprawling. Branches longitudinally ridged, moderately covered with short more or less **appressed** hairs, at least on/or between the ridges, moderately to sparsely **glandular**. The whole plant faintly aromatic. Leaves opposite each other, 0.6–2.5 cm long, 0.5–2 mm wide, light green, hairless (a few hairs on the base of the **midrib** of the lower surface), moderately covered with more or less stalkless **glands**, margins **entire**, and curved to rolled down, tips blunt or with a small abrupt point. Flowers pale to deep mauve, often with a purple or bluish tinge, 7–8 mm long, with a bell-shaped tube, 2-lipped, the upper lip notched to 2-lobed, the lower lip 3-lobed. **Calyx** 2-lobed. Flowers single at the base of paired leaves, in leafy clusters. Flowering: mainly spring to early summer.

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

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