

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, south of Mbonie, Qld



Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, Mungerarie State Forest west of Moruya



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, garden north of Sydney

Common name

Pastel flower

Family

Acanthaceae

Where found

Variety of **habitats**, especially wet **forest** and **rainforest**. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Perennial herb, mostly to 0.30 m high. Stems hairy. Leaves opposite each other, usually 2–7 cm long, 3–40 mm wide, tips pointed to blunt, margins more or less **entire**, upper surface with mineral concretions, lower surface sometimes purple and **gland**-dotted. Flowers white to mauve, sometimes with darker spots on the lower lobe, tubular, with 5 lobes. Tube mostly 10–15 mm long, lobes 5–8 mm long. Flowers in elongated clusters, the flowers near the top usually showy, the lower ones small, and often self-pollinating without opening. Flowers Summer to Autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pseuderanthemum~variabile> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

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