

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tottenham State Forest near Forbes



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Common name

None

Family

Acanthaceae

Where found

Woodland, **shrubland**, and **grassland**, often on rocky sites or along streams. Western Slopes.

Notes

Many-stemmed **perennial** herb, usually to 0.5 m high, green to grey-green, hairy to almost hairless. Lower branches often with a woody base. Tiny vegetative shoots with round leaves frequently form on the woody base of the plant. Leaves opposite each other, 0.6–1.5 cm long, 2–7 mm wide, with large curved mineral concretions perpendicular to the **midrib** and often smaller curved mineral concretions between. Flowers red, pink, or with white stripes, with 2 longitudinal folds with darker **striations**, 6–10 mm long, tubular at the base, 2-lipped, with 5 lobes. Flower **spikes** dense, 1–5 cm long, sometimes interrupted at the base. Flowering: throughout the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rostellularia~adscendens> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

Some of the description above (as *Rostellularia pogonantha*) is based on that in GM Cunningham, WE Mulham, PL Milthorpe and JH Leigh (1981 and later printings) *Plants of Western New South Wales* page 605

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