

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

A pink bells

Family

Elaeocarpaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**. Mainly in the Blue Mountains. Recent records from Burrinjuck Nature Reserve and Morton National Park.

Notes

Shrub, usually to 0.6 m high. Stems cylindrical, 4-angled and ridged, hairy. Most stem hairs short and conspicuously pointing backwards. Leaves usually in **whorls** of 5–7, rarely fewer on the lower parts of the branches, 0.3–1.5 mm long, about 1 mm wide, upper surface densely hairy, margins rolled down. Flowers deep lilac-pink, with 4 **petals** each 5–11 mm long. Flowers single, on stalks 4–12 mm long. Flowering: mostly October–November.

Hybridizes with *Tetratheca thymifolia*.

Family was Tremandraceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tetratheca-rubioides> (accessed 9 February, 2021)

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