

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Miles, Kybeyan east of Cooma



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



Shrub. Photographer Jackie Miles, Kybeyan east of Cooma

Common name

Lemon zieria, Lemon-scented zieria

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Low **woodland** with a **shrub** understorey amongst rocks. Ranges and mountainous tablelands east of Cooma.

Notes

Shrub to about 0.2 m high, sprawling, **rhizomatous**. Stems dotted with oil **glands** but not warty, more or less hairy with **simple** hairs, often with tufts of longer hairs at the **nodes**, older stems becoming hairless. Leaves strongly lemon-scented when rubbed, opposite each other, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, the central leaflet 0.4–1 cm long, 1.5–2 mm wide, the **lateral** leaflets slightly shorter, tips rounded to pointed; margins **entire**, and more or less curved down; both surfaces dotted with oil glands but not warty, and hairy with simple hairs. Flowers pale pink to white, with 4 **petals** each 4–6 mm long, and with 4 **stamens**. Flower clusters usually much longer than the leaves, mostly 1–3-flowered. Flowering: late winter to summer.

Vulnerable Australia. Endangered NSW. Provisions of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

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NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10852> (accessed 8 January 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Zieria-citriodora> (accessed 8 January 2021)

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