

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, South East Forests National Park



Flowering branches. Photographer Jackie Miles



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

Common name

Downy zieria

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, rocky areas, and along streams. Coast, ranges, tablelands, and the ACT.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Stems **velvety** with **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), and not warty. Leaves often somewhat grapefruit-scented when rubbed, opposite each other, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 0.6–4.2 cm long, 2.5–17 mm wide, tips pointed to more or less rounded, margins **entire**, and more or less flat; both surfaces velvety, upper surface dark green, lower surface grey-green. Flowers deep to pale pink, occasionally white, with 4 **petals** each 3.5–6 mm long, and with 4 **stamens**. Flower clusters shorter than to longer than the leaves, 3–30-flowered. **Bracts** surrounding the flower bud clusters 8–10 mm long, remaining after the flowers open. Flowers winter and spring.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Zieria-cytisoides> (accessed 12 February, 2021)

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