

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower clusters, mostly with spent flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown.



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer S Douglas, Marramorra National Park north of Sydney

Common name

A zieria

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Forest and moist gullies, occasionally on ridgetops. Sydney area and Blue Mountains and north and north east from there. One record in 1978 from Morton National Park.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Stems **velvety**, with mostly **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), and a few **simple** and 2-armed hairs. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, **compound**. Leaves of two types, usually leaves with 1 leaflet and leaves with 3 leaflets on the same stems, more rarely all the leaves on a branch with 1 leaflet. Leaflets 2–6.5 cm long, 5.2–15 mm wide, tips blunt, margins **entire**, more or less flat, surfaces hairy, upper surface dark green, lower surface grey-green. Flowers white, tinged pink, with 4 **petals** each 3.5–5.2 mm long, and with 4 **stamens**. Flower clusters usually shorter than the leaves, occasionally much longer, 3–21-flowered. **Bracts** surrounding the flower bud clusters 5.2–12 mm long, remaining after the flowers open, densely white-hairy. Flowering: usually spring.

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.

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10858> (accessed 8 January 2021)

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

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