

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Australian Plant Image Index,
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Common name

Velvet Zieria, Murphy's Zieria

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Forest and moist gullies. Blue Mountains, Bundanoon area, and Penrose area.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Stems cylindrical, **velvety** with **stellate** and **simple** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), becoming hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, **compound**, with 1 or 3 leaflets, each 3–5 cm long, 3.4–10 mm wide, tips blunt to pointed, margins **entire**, and more or less flat; upper surface dark green, hairy with predominantly simple hairs; lower surface grey-green, velvety with mainly stellate hairs. Flowers white to pale pink, with 4 **petals** each 4–5.5 mm long, and with 4 **stamens**. Flower clusters shorter than the leaves, 3–9-flowered. Flowering: all year.

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NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10860> (accessed 8 January 2021)

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

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