

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles, Waterfall, Sydney area



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



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

Common name

Pink wax flower

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **heath**, and **shrubland**. Mainly north of the Nowra district. Coast, ranges, Southern Highlands, and the eastern edge of the tablelands. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Stems angled, smooth, minutely **stellate**-hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 2–8 cm long, 8–14 mm wide, tips pointed, both surfaces sparsely covered with minute stellate hairs when young, eventually hairless. Flowers pink to red, with 5 **petals** each about 18 mm long. 5–12 scattered sepal-like **bracteoles** just below the flowers. Flowers single at the bases of the leaves. Flowering: spring.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Eriostemon~australasius> (accessed 14 January, 2019)

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