

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

Wingecarribee gentian, Gentian

Family

Gentianaceae

Where found

Wet **heath**, **shrubland**, **herbfields**, **grassland**, and bogs, sphagnum moss humps, and sedge communities. Two swamps in the Southern Highlands.

Notes

Short-lived **annual** herb to 0.12 m high, **erect** to somewhat sprawling. Stems hairless, rough with minute projections above, smooth below, often purplish or reddish tinged. Leaves opposite each other, 4–7 pairs, 0.2–0.9 cm long, 2.5–6 wide, dark green. Flowers greenish ribbed outside, sky blue inside (may appear purple- or mauve-blue with cream stripes down the tube), 10–17 mm long, about 4–11 mm in diameter, with a narrow-bell-shaped tube and 5 **spreading** lobes. Flowers single, up to six flowers per plant. Flowers Spring-Summer.

Endangered Australia. Critically 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 with photos: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10347> (accessed 30 April 2021)

PlantNET description with line drawing and photo: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Gentiana~wingecarribiensis> (accessed 30 April 2021)

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