

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Sassafras



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bobundara Nature Reserve east of Dalgety



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Bungendore and Braidwood



Line drawings. e. flowering branch; f. seed case. SM Clarke, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Violet kunzea, Crimson kunzea

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**, and rocky slopes, often near seepage areas. Weedy after natural vegetation is cleared for grazing (personal communication from Roger Farrow, 25 January, 2021). Widespread. Rare in coastal areas.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m tall. Young stems hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, crowded, **alternating** up the stems, mostly 0.1-0.4 cm long, 0.5-1 mm wide, tips more or less curved down, only the **midvein** prominent, surfaces at first hairy, becoming hairless with age, margins **entire**. Flowers with 5 pink to purple, rarely white, **petals** 1.5-2.5 mm long, in **head**-like clusters. **Stamens** 2-4 mm long. Flowers Spring to Summer.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Kunzea~parvifolia> (accessed 25 January, 2021)

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