

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Bangalee  
Reserve near Nowra



Plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer  
Murray Fagg, Wallaga Lake north of Berragui.

## Common name

Lion's Ear, Lion's Tail

## Family

Lamiaceae

## Where found

**Woodland, heath**, near habitations, roadsides, rocky areas, and coastal sand dunes. Mainly coastal

## Notes

**Introduced shrub** to about 3 m high. Branches densely hairy with short and long hairs, sticky. Stems square in cross section. Leaves opposite each other, aromatic when rubbed, 4–8 cm long, 5–25 mm wide, green, sparsely to densely hairy, sticky, margins irregularly toothed, tips pointed. Flowers bright orange, 30–55 mm long, tubular, 2-lipped, the upper lip slightly hooded and indistinctly 2-lobed, the lower lip 3-lobed. Flowers in dense clusters of about 20–40 flowers. Flowering: throughout the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Leonotis-leonurus>  
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