

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower clusters. Photographer Richard Hartland, Longwarry, Vic



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, east of Braidwood



Line drawings. e. flowering branch; flower. T Brosch, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Native Gipsywort, Australian Gipsywort

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Moist disturbed sites, wet gullies, along soakage lines and streams, and in swamps. Semiaquatic. Widespread. Rare on the Western Slopes except in the Albury district.

Notes

Perennial herb to 1.5 m high, **rhizomatous**. Stems 4-angled, with scattered **simple** hairs, becoming hairless. **Nodes** along the stems often hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 4–15 cm long, 8–25 mm wide, margins coarsely toothed, upper surface with scattered simple hairs, lower surface **gland**-dotted, tips pointed. Flowers white, often mauve-dotted at the base of each lobe, 4.5–5.5 mm long, tubular, the tube much longer than the 5 lobes. **Calyx** with 5 pointed lobes, almost as long as the **corolla**. Flowers in few- to many-flowered clusters. Flowering: December–April

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lycopus~australis> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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