

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

None

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Amongst granite boulders in low, open subalpine **woodland** and heath at about 1000–1330 m elevation. Namadgi National Park, ACT, and Tinderry Range east of the ACT.

Notes

Sticky **shrub** to about 1 m high with a curry-like odour. Branchlets with dense glandular hairs, unstalked **glands** and often some **woolly** or **cobwebby** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, forming clusters, 0.5–1.5 cm long, 0.2–1.2 mm wide (excluding the lobes), **entire**, but with at least the lowest leaf of some clusters with one or two pairs of oblong lobes, upper surface with stalkless glands, lower surface with woolly hairs and scattered stalkless glands, margins curved to rolled down, not obscuring the lower surface, tips blunt. Flower **heads** 6–8 mm in diameter (excluding the '**petals**'), with 12–20 '**petals**' each 5–8 mm long, pink, mauve or blue, very rarely white; and yellow or mauve centres. Flower heads stalkless to almost stalkless, single, occasionally in 2–3-flowered clusters, at the ends of the stems or of short **lateral** branches. Flowers Jan.–Apr.

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

Description in Messina, A. & Walsh, N.G. (2019), Reinstating *Olearia stricta* (Asteraceae) for an uncommon shrub from montane regions of SE Australia, and notes on *O. ramulosa*. *Muelleria* 37: 116 (photo page 114)

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