

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



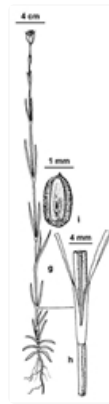
Flower heads. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



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Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Aranda Bushland, Canberra, ACT



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Common name

Proliferous pink, Childling pink

Family

Caryophyllaceae

Where found

Grassy areas and disturbed sites, often damp. Widespread. Uncommon on the ranges.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 0.6 m tall, hairless or partly **tomentose**. Stems cylindrical, sometimes somewhat furrowed. Leaves opposite each other, 1-7 cm long, about 2 mm wide, hairy or hairless, margins finely toothed, tips pointed, the stem-encircling **sheath** at the base slightly longer than broad. Flowers with 5 pink or purplish **petals** each 10–13 mm long, with notched tips, apparently single at the tops of the stems, actually in dense clusters ('heads') of 2-8 flowers, usually with only one flower open at a time, enclosed in brown to straw-coloured papery **bracts**. Flower **heads** 12-15 mm long. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Sometimes hybridises with *Petrorhagia dubia*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Petrorhagia~nanteuilii> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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