

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

A Waxflower

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Heath on rocky or sandy sites. Sydney region and north, north from Royal National Park.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Branchlets rough. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, crowded, 1–2 cm long, 1–1.5 mm wide, flattened cylindrical, thick, tips pointed, surfaces prominently dotted with **glands**, and bristly to more or less hairless. Flowers pink or mauve to purple, darker below along the midline, with 5 **petals** each 10–15 mm long. **Stamens** with **filaments** fused in the basal half, the free portion of the filaments hairy. **Anthers** concealed by the long upwardly **appressed** hairs on the filaments, and with a tuft of long hairs at the tips. Flowers single or 2 or 3 together. Flowers August–December.

Protected NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Philothea~reichenbachii> (accessed 17 January, 2021)

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