

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flower, seed cases, and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, South East Forests National Park

Common name

A Waxflower

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**. North of Bega. Coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands. Western Slopes, mainly in the west Wyalong district.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Stems hairless or hairy with minute hairs. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, crowded to well-spaced, 0.3-0.5 cm long, 1-1.5 mm wide, thick, flattened cylindrical, hairless or the margins sparsely fringed, with blunt tips, or 1-1.5 cm long, 1-1.5 mm wide, more or less cylindrical, with pointed tips. Flowers pale pink to mauve or purple, darker below along the midline, with 5 **petals** each 6-12 mm long. **Stamens** with **filaments** fused for at least half their length, the free portion of the filaments hairy. **Anthers** hairless, more or less visible beyond the hairs on the filaments. Flowers single or 2 or 3 together. Flowers Winter to Summer.

Protected NSW.

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

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