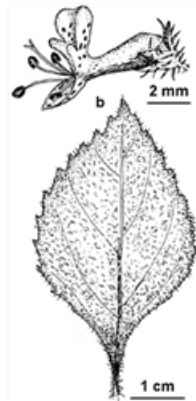


# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Purple-leaved plectranthus

## Family

Lamiaceae

## Where found

Garden **escape**. Sydney area, Blue Mountains, and north. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb or **shrub** to about 0.6 m high, fleshy. Can form dense mats. Stems 4-angled, densely sticky hairy with long maroon-purple hairs, short glandular hairs, and orange stalkless **glands**. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 3.5–8 cm long, 30–55 mm wide, thin-textured, smooth to thickish, wrinkled, sparsely to moderately hairy, the hairs mostly restricted to the **veins** on lower surface, densely covered with honey-coloured stalkless glands on lower surface, margins shallowly scalloped, with 8–14 pairs of teeth, tips pointed to blunt. Flowers whitish, speckled with purple on the inner surface of the lips, 12–15 mm long, tubular, the tube slightly curved, 2-lipped, the lower lip **entire**; the upper lip 3- or 4-lobed. Flowers in elongated clusters. Flowering: throughout the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Plectranthus~ciliatus> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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