

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Richard Hartland, Genoa area, Vic



Flowering branches. Photographer Maree Goods, Grampians National Park, Vic



Line drawings. e. flowering branchlet; leaf. P Strickland, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Hairy mintbush

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Forest and **woodland**, usually in rocky areas. Ranges north from the Budawang Range, and east of Bombala. One record from Ben Boyd National Park south of Eden.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Branches densely covered with more or less **spreading** hairs. The whole plant strongly aromatic. Leaves opposite each other, 1–3 cm long, 1.5–6 mm wide; mid-green, hairy, moderately to densely hairy, upper surface moderately to densely covered in somewhat spreading, coarse, rigid hairs, lower surface densely **glandular**, tips somewhat pointed; margins **entire**, curved to strongly rolled down. Flowers dark mauve, 8–10 mm long, with a bell-shaped tube, 2-lipped, 5-lobed. **Calyx** 2-lobed. Flowers in leafless clusters, often leafy at the base. Flowering: spring.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Prostanthera-hirtula> (accessed 3 February, 2021)

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