

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Ian McMaster, Pilliga Nature Reserve north of Coonabarabran



Flowering shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer S Douglas, Marramarra National Park, north of Sydney

## Common name

A mint bush

## Family

Lamiaceae

## Where found

**Woodland** and **shrubland**. Sydney area and north and Blue Mtns. Western Slopes. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1 m high. Branches densely covered with short, straight and/or curled hairs and more or less stalkless **glands**. The whole plant aromatic. Leaves opposite each other, 0.25–1 cm long, 0.5–1.5 mm wide, surfaces mid-green, often with a maroon tinge, margins **entire** and curved down, tips blunt. Flowers pink- to purple-mauve, with dark red, maroon or purple dots in the throat. Flowers 8–10 mm long, with a bell-shaped tube, 2-lipped, 5-lobed. **Calyx** 2-lobed. Flowers single at the base of paired leaves, forming leafy clusters. Flowering: spring.

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

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