

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

Seaforth mintbush

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**. Sydney.

Notes

Shrub to about 0.3 m high. Branches almost cylindrical, sparsely to moderately hairy, with sparse **glands**. Leaves faintly aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.8–1.5 cm long, 4–8 mm wide; green, sparsely to moderately hairy, sparsely **glandular**; margins **entire** or occasionally slightly 1-lobed on each side, and slightly curved down (may appear bluntly 1-toothed because the margin is slightly curved down), tips rounded. Flowers purple, white on the inner surface of the tube, 9–15 mm long, with a bell-shaped tube, 2-lipped, 5-lobed, **Calyx** 2-lobed. Flowers in 8–12 flowered sub-clusters within many-flowered leafy clusters. Flowering: mainly spring.

Records of *Prostanthera* species from Cronulla, Waterfall, Helensburgh, Jervis Bay and Nelsons Bay that were previously determined as *Prostanthera marifolia* have now been assigned mainly to *Prostanthera densa*.

Prostanthera marifolia is also thought to be closely related to *Prostanthera junonis*.

Critically endangered Australia. Critically Endangered NSW. Provisions of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

Much of the description above is based on that in the NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee Determination.

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species/nsw-threatened-species-scientific-committee/determinations/final-determinations/2008-2010/prostanthera-marifolia-critically-endangered-species-listing> (accessed 7 January 2021)

NSW Threatened Species profile with photo: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=20101> (accessed 7 January 2021)

PlantNET description with line drawings and photos: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Prostanthera~marifolia> (accessed 7 January 2021)

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