

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Maranoa Gardens, Melbourne, Vic



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

Common name

Sparkling Mint-bush

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Forest, heath, gullies, and near streams. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands, north of Kiama.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Branches moderately to densely covered with stiff **spreading** hairs and **glandular** hairs. The whole plant strongly aromatic. Leaves opposite each other, 0.2–0.6 cm long, 2–5.5 mm wide; mid-green, hairless or sparsely covered with stiff spreading hairs and glandular hairs, lower surface densely covered with more or less stalkless **glands**, margins **entire** and curved down, tips blunt to rounded. Flowers mauve or bluish, often white at the tips of the lobes, 7–8 mm long, with a bell-shaped tube, 2-lipped, 5-lobed. **Calyx** 2-lobed. Flowers single at the base of paired leaves. Flowering: spring.

Vulnerable Vic.

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

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