

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway, west of Sussex Inlet



Flowering stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Violet mint-bush

## Family

Lamiaceae

## Where found

**Forest**, gullies, and near rivers. Coast and ranges.

## 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; upper surface mid-green, lower surface paler, surfaces sparsely to moderately covered with stiff spreading hairs (especially on the **midvein** on the lower surface), and more or less stalkless **glands**, margins **entire** to scalloped, 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, forming leafy elongated clusters. Flowering: spring.

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

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