

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Blotchy mint-bush

Family

Lamiaceae

Where found

Forest between 1000–1400 m altitude. Ranges and eastern edge of the tablelands south west and west of Eden.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high, sprawling. Branches approximately cylindrical, densely hairy with **appressed** to somewhat **spreading** hairs, **glandular**, often forming a **wiry** entanglement. Leaves opposite each other, 1–3.8 cm long, 5–17 mm wide, surfaces hairy as on the branches, upper surface grooved and appearing hairless, but sparsely hairy especially on the **midrib**, margins **entire** and curved down, tips blunt. Flowers blue-green to pinkish or white, rarely green-yellow, prominently purple-veined; 15–26 mm long, with a narrow tube, 2-lipped, 5-lobed. **Calyx** 2-lobed. Flowers single at the base of paired leaves, forming leafy elongated clusters. Flowering: summer.

Rare Vic.

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

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