

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



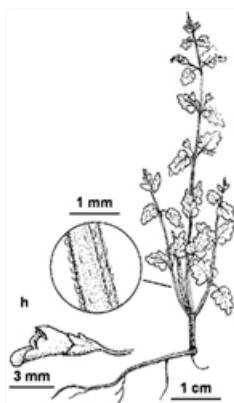
Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, Bungonia State Conservation Area east of Goulburn



Plant with seed cases. Photographer Wandjali, south of Queanbeyan



Seed cases. Photographer Wandjali, south of Queanbeyan



Line drawings. h. flowering plant; stem detail; flower. P Neish, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Dwarf skullcap, Australian skullcap

## Family

Lamiaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, disturbed areas, gardens, rocky slopes, moist sheltered sites, and gullies. Widespread.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.2 m high or **prostrate**, often rooting from the lower **nodes**. Stems 4-angled, hairy, the hairs mainly along the ridges. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.5–2 cm long, 5–20 mm wide, bases **cordate** or rarely squared off; margins scalloped to toothed or almost **entire**, upper surface hairless or with a few hairs near the margins, lower surface with hairs mostly on the **veins**, stalkless **glands** between the veins, tips approximately blunt. Flowers pale purplish red, red, mauve, or pale violet, with white markings, sometimes wholly white or mauve, sometimes spotted orange in the throat, 5–7 mm long, tubular, 2-lipped with 5 lobes, the lower lip slightly longer than the hooded upper lip. **Calyx** often purplish red or tinged purple. Flowers single at the base of each of paired leaves. Flowering: mostly October–April.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Scutellaria~humilis> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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