

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer John Tann, Royal National Park south of Sydney



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## Common name

A pink bells

## Family

Elaeocarpaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**. **Heath** in rocky, sandy or swampy sites. Coast and ranges north of Wollongong.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 0.75 m high or sprawling. Stems more or less ridged, some stems hairless, some densely hairy with wart-based hairs. Leaves of hairless branches opposite each other or in **whorls** of 3 or rarely 4, usually 1–2 cm long, up to 1 mm wide, hairless or **glandular**-hairy, margins rolled down. Leaves of hairy branches usually in whorls of 3–5, occasionally opposite each other, 0.4–1.2 cm long, to 6 mm wide, margins flat, wavy, or more or less rolled down. Flowers deep lilac-pink with 4 **petals**, each 10–20 mm long. Flowers single or paired, on stalks 5–12 mm long. Flowering: mostly July–October.

Family was Tremandraceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tetratheca-shirensii> (accessed 9 February, 2021)

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