

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, north of Ulladulla



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Buckenbowra State Forest west of Batemans Bay

## Common name

Thyme Pink-bells, Black-eyed Susan

## Family

Elaeocarpaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**. Widespread.

## Notes

**Shrub** to about 1 m high. Stems cylindrical, usually with dense wart-based bristles or bristly ridges, rarely hairless. Most bristles 0.5–1.5 mm long, tending to point upwards but many twisted or irregular (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves usually in **whorls** of 3–5, rarely opposite each other, **alternating** up the stems or in whorls of 6, 0.2–2 m long, 1–8 mm wide, more or less hairless to hairy, margins loosely rolled down, curved down, or rarely flat, tips pointed or blunt, and often **mucronate**. Flowers with 4 deep lilac-pink or rarely white **petals** each 6–15 mm long. Sepals falling early. Flower stalks and **sepals** with non-**glandular** hairs. Flowers single, rarely paired, on stalks 5–23 mm long.. Flowers most of the year.

Family was Tremandraceae.

Hybridizes with *Tetraloche rubioides*.

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tetraloche-thymifolia> (accessed 11 April 2021)

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