

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Morton National Park



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Common name

Large-bracted Zieria

Family

Rutaceae

Where found

Forest. Coast and ranges north of the Kings Highway.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 6 m high. Young stems cylindrical, sometimes with longitudinal ridges, hairy with **stellate** and **simple** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), becoming hairless, dotted with oil **glands** but not warty. Leaves with an unpleasant smell when rubbed, opposite each other, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, the central leaflet 3.2–12 cm long 3–19 mm wide, tips pointed (rounded in the Colo River gorge population); margins **entire**, upper surface hairless to hairy, lower surface paler, hairy with coarse, rough, longish hairs, to **velvety** predominantly with stellate hairs. Flowers white or pink, 9–15 mm in diameter, with 4 **petals** each 4–5 mm long, and with 4 **stamens**. Flower clusters shorter than the leaves, to 420 flowered, enclosed in a pair of **bracts** 8–12 mm long that fall early. Flowers late Autumn to Spring.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Zieria~caducibracteata> (accessed 12 February, 2021)

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