

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower, flower buds, and leafy stems. Photographer Jackie Miles, Mt White north of Sydney



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Jervis Bay National Park, NSW



Leafy stem with flower and green seed case. Photographer Jackie Miles, Mt White north of Sydney

## Common name

Smooth Zieria, Smooth-leaved Zieria, Twiggy Midge Bush

## Family

Rutaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **shrubland**, **heath**, and rocky areas. Coast and ranges north from the Kings Highway.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1.5 m high. Stems prominently ridged, hairless or occasionally hairy at the **nodes** between the leaf bases. Leaf bases continue down the stems. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, the central leaflet 1–4.3 cm long, 1–3.2 mm wide, tips more or less pointed; margins generally more or less rolled down to the **midrib**, more or less scalloped; upper surface deep green, and hairless; lower surface pale green to whitish, and **velvety** with **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), **midvein** hairless. Flowers white or pale pink, with 4 **petals** each 3–5 mm long, and with 4 **stamens**. Flower clusters about as long as or shorter than the leaves, 3–23 flowered. Flowering: winter to spring.

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

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