

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower buds and leaves. Photographer erley5

Common name

A velvet-bush

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Heath. Sydney area north of the harbour, and north from there.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Stems covered with rusty **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–9 cm long, 3–10 mm wide, upper surface dark green and hairless and with **veins** visible but not prominent, lower surface whitish to rusty-hairy and the veins not visible, margins rolled down. Flowers pinkish to reddish brown, stellate hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see) outside and within except for the thickened margins, with 5 '**petals**' 8–12 mm long, joined at the base. **Bracteoles** 5–8 mm long, close under the flowers. Flowers in few-flowered clusters. Flowering: spring.

Family was Sterculiaceae.

Vulnerable Australia. Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile with photos: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10451> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

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

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