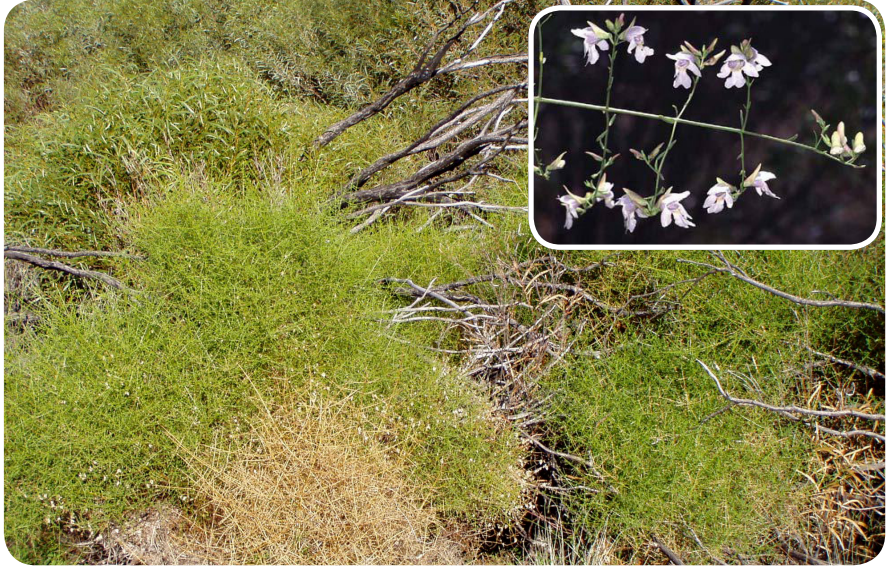


Rare plants of the APY Lands

Prostanthera nudula

Naked Mintbush



Inset photo: Peter Lang

Description:

Prostanthera nudula is a small rounded shrub that grows to 2 m high. Its spiny branches have very small scented leaves. Flowers are tube-shaped, cream coloured with faint purple veins, and 8-11 mm long.

Its spines and small leaves make it readily distinguishable from the other common species of *Prostanthera* (*Prostanthera striatiflora*), which also occurs in the area.



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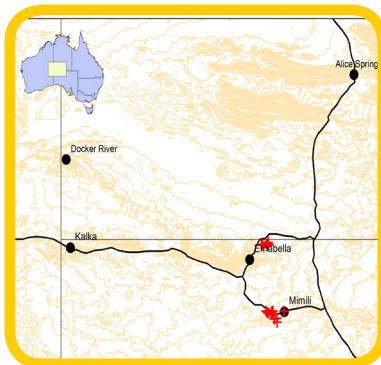
Distribution and ecology:

Relatively common and widespread in the Everard Ranges. It also occurs in the Musgrave Ranges (Sentinel Hill region), but it is much rarer.

Occurs on granitic outcrops and is generally restricted to well-watered areas at the base of rock-slabs. It is associated with fire-sensitive plant communities, including *Acacia olgana* and *Lepidosperma avium*.

Status:

Vulnerable in South Australia and nationally under the Commonwealth EPBC Act.



Map of distribution

Threats to survival:

- Fire
This is believed to be the most significant threat to populations. Not so much the effect of burning, but resultant impacts on soil.
- Grazing
Cattle have been recorded browsing on plants

What Anangu can do:

- Help to protect fire sensitive plant communities (including *Prostanthera nudula*) in the Sentinel Hill area by conducting cool-season burns around these communities.
- Keep cattle away from areas where plants occur.
- Re-survey the monitoring sites every year to see what is happening to the populations.