

PLANT field guide

Victorian Christmas Bush Prostanthera lasianthos

Evergreen shrub or small tree that grow 1-6 m in height

Bright yellow-green to dark green leaves

Leaves generally have a toothed or curved edge

When to look:

From late spring through early summer; flowers appear from Nov to Mar, fruit appear after flowering



Funnel-shaped flowers that are white or pink to pale muave with purple and orange spots inside

Flowers are slightly sented

Similar species:

Another Prostanthera species ("mint bush"): won't have fine hairs on the inside and outside of the flowers, which can be seen with a magnifier on the Victorian Christmas Bush.

The mericap is about 2 mm in length and contains one seed

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