

## Plant of the Month – May 2014

### *Babingtonia camphorosmae* – Camphor Myrtle



This delightful, small shrub displays a delicate splash of shell pink in autumn (May) right through to the end of summer (February). It is a member of the Myrtaceae family, extending from Eneabba in the north to near Albany in the south. *Babingtonia*

*camphorosmae* occurs mainly in heavy soils on the Darling Scarp and Range and on the eastern side of the Coastal Plain, and is also recorded in sand on the western side of the Coastal Plain.

We provided this taxon as Plant of the Month for May 2007 as *Baeckea camphorosmae*. In 2010, Malcolm Trudgen and Barbara Rye noticed that the name *Baeckea camphorosmae* is more correctly placed within the genus *Babingtonia*. Just goes to show that even Plant of the Month can get caught out by taxonomic work!

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