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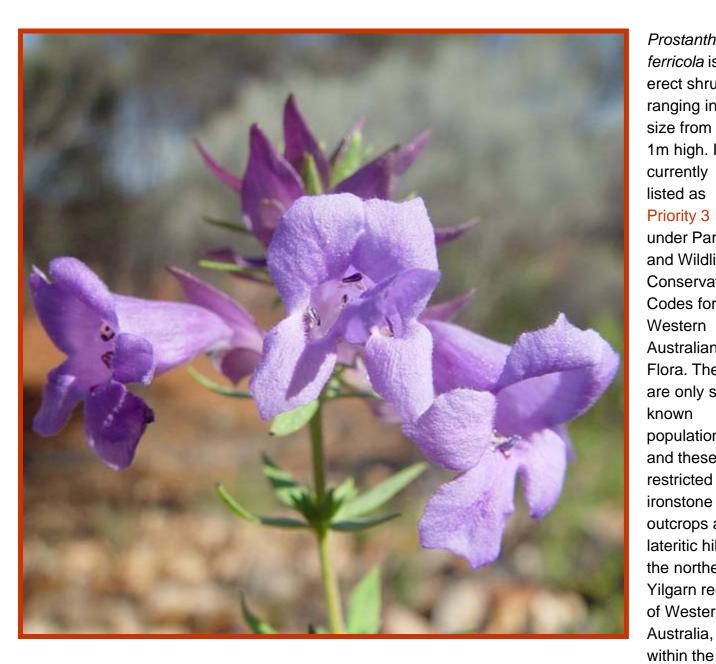
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## Plant of the Month — July 2014

## Prostanthera ferricola



Prostanthera ferricola is an erect shrub ranging in size from 0.3-1m high. It is currently listed as

**Priority 3** under Parks and Wildlife's Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora, There are only six known populations and these are restricted to ironstone outcrops and lateritic hills in the northern Yilgarn region of Western

Murchison and Gascoyne IBRA bioregions of the Eremaean Botanical Province.

P. ferricola was originally listed under the name Prostanthera sp. Murchison (G. Byrne 239).

The specific epithet ferricola is derived from the Latin ferreum (iron) and -cola (dweller), in reference to this species growing in banded ironstone-derived soils. The plant was described by B.J. Conn and K.A Shepherd in our journal *Nuytsia*, from which much of this text is transcribed.

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