

Plant of the Month — January 2019

Beaufortia purpurea Lindl. — Purple Beaufortia



Beaufortia purpurea (Purple Beaufortia) is a compact shrub growing to 1.5 m high. The attractive flowers, produced in spring and summer, are arranged in bottlebrush-like spikes on the ends of the branches, with the stamen bundles giving the flowers their bright purple or purplish red colour.

Purple Beaufortia has a restricted distribution, occurring only on and near the Darling Scarp near Perth, where it usually grows in soils derived from laterite or granite on rocky slopes.

The genus *Beaufortia* (Myrtaceae) is endemic to the south-west of WA; twenty-two species are currently recognised, including three new species published in 2016 by Andrew Burbidge in our journal *Nuytsia* <https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/science/nuytsia/779.pdf> >

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