

Plant of the Month — January 2020

Pentapeltis peltigera (Hook.) Bunge



Pentapeltis peltigera is a perennial herb growing to 15 cm high, with trailing stems reaching to 50 cm long. The inflorescence features clusters of 3–8 delicate, white flowers that are bisexual and protandrous (the first flowers to emerge are male and when the anthers fall away, they become receptive female flowers). This image shows the female phase displaying pink stigmas. Flowering occurs from December to April. *P. peltigera* can usually be found growing on lateritic soils from just north of Perth to Collie, mainly in the Daring Range.

The genus *Pentapeltis* is endemic to WA with just two species occurring here.

Photo: R. Davis

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