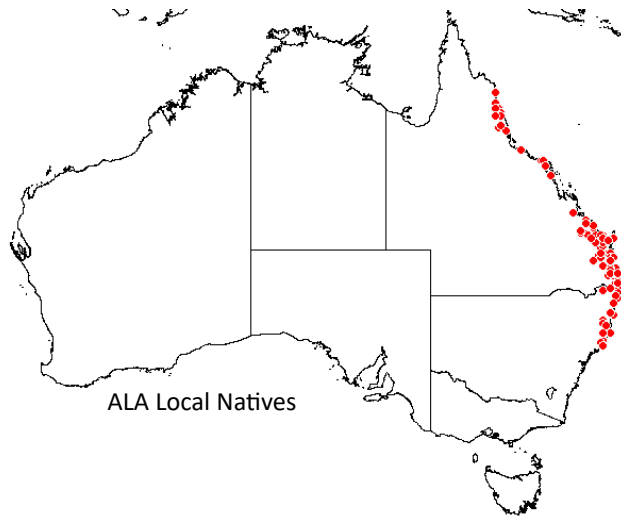


Scrophulariaceae
Artanema fimbriatum
 koala bells

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ETYMOLOGY

(art-a-NEE-ma) Greek artao = to suspend + nema = thread refers to appendages of flower filaments; The species fimbriatus (fim-bree-ART-um) fringed, referring to the fringed;
 Herb 10-50 cm x 30 cm spread

LIFEFORM

STATUS

Found SE Australia; on coastal floodplains Rare per site (population size)

QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Cook, Moreton, North/South Kennedy, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

OCCURS

From Daintree River NE Qld to Forster NSW;

HABITAT

Wetland, Swampy, Floodplains

LEAVES

Opposite, 4-8 cm x, 10-30 mm, narrow-ovate, lance-shaped, dark green margins toothed, discolorous, margins & lower midrib scabrous; on 2-10 mm stalks

FLOWERS

Tubular, 12-18 mm, irregular bisexual deep blue to violet 2-lipped, (4-8 flowers), single 2-3 mm in axil of bracts; on 5-12 mm pedicels margins scabrous. **Flowering times** Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April

FRUIT

Capsules, 7.5-9 mm, ovoid to globose, 2 valved numerous dry seeds; **Fruiting times** Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April

STEM

Short-lived perennial herb, 30-60 cm stems erect or decumbent, ribbed; gland-dotted, especially on lower surface of leaves.

ETHNOBOTANY

Excellent in a container, rockery or bedding planting; Retain density by pruning after showy flowering;

TOLERANCE

Full sun

NATIVE BEES

Flowers visited by *Amegilla cingulata* blue-banded bee

ID FEATURE

Herb 30-60 cm, base decumbent + Leaves opposite, toothed, smooth + Flowers blue tubular in terminal racemes + Capsules 1 cm, round, turns black;

