

****Centranthus macrosiphon***

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COMMON CENTAURY

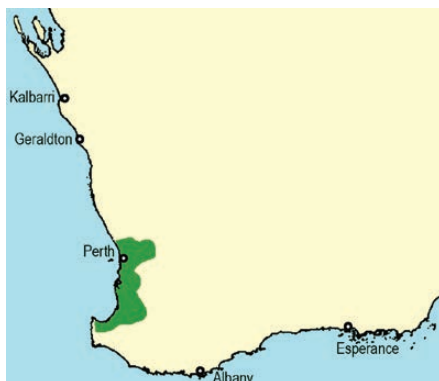
Flowering period: September–October.**Description:** Annual herb to 50 cm high. Stems ribbed, basal rosette withering during the flowering stage. Leaves oval, 0.5–4 cm long, 0.5–1.5 cm wide. Inflorescence branching with flowers produced in a flat-topped arrangement. Petals formed into a tube, pink rarely white. Fine seeds produce in a cylindrical capsule.**Distribution:** In protected areas from Jurien Bay to Cape Arid; mainly coastal, though will extend into damp areas further inland on the coastal plain. Forms small populations in sheltered areas often following disturbance and prefers areas close to or rich in limestone.**Control methods:** Wiping or spraying with herbicide. Manual removal can be effective as long as the area is replanted with over-topping native species to suppress growth of the weed.**Notes:** A widespread and often locally common weed that can form dense stands in disturbed areas. With careful management and reduced disturbance it is possible to control the species.



Habit



Flowers



Distribution