

**\**Centranthus macrosiphon***  
**Commonly: Pretty Betsy**  
**Vascular Plant Family: Valerianaceae**  
Flowers late winter and spring

\**Centranthus macrosiphon* is an annual herb about 40cm tall. It is a native of Southern Europe.



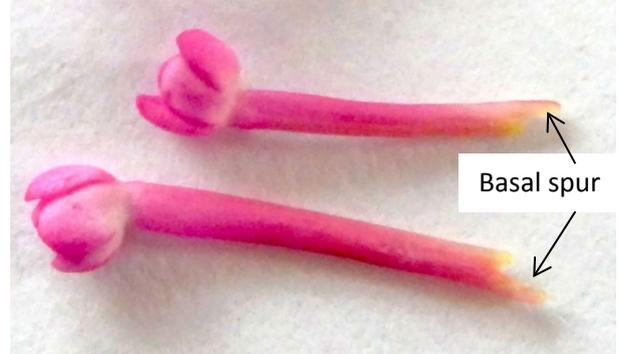
The leaves are opposite, up to 70mm long and 40mm wide, egg-shaped with a toothed margin.



The inflorescence is a rounded head extending beyond the leaves. The flowers are up to 10cm long, with a basal spur about 6mm long. The flowers vary in colour from deep pink to white with both colour forms recorded at Peppermint Grove Beach.



The 5 petals are united in a tube with a basal spur.



There is one anther (purple coloured) and the ovary occurs below the floral tube.



The fruits are oblong with a hair-like crown.

\*Indicates it is a weed