*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*