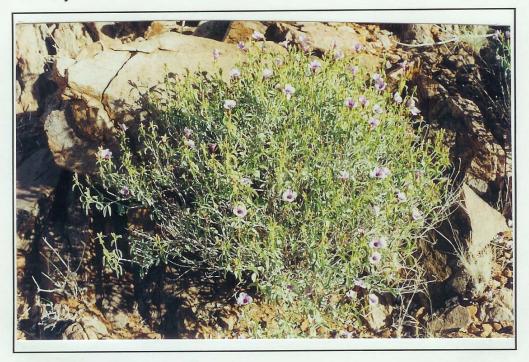
Barleria lancifolia

Family:

Acanthaceae



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Description: A medium sized, 'bushy' perennial shrub. Branches and stems are slender and pale grey. Leaves are simple, ovate to lanceolate, bright, light green and covered in short hairs. During dry periods the shrub looks very grey, but flowers fairly easily after good rainfall. Flowers are relatively large and showy, pinkish-mauve with a deeper purple throat. 5 petals are fused to form a tube.

Habitat: Rocky areas, mainly amongst shrubs and grasses on mountain slopes. Particularly abundant on the south-east side of Jagkop. It is also found widely in South Africa and Botswana.

Other notes: Derivation of *Barleria* is after Jacques Barrelier (1606-1673) a Dominican monk and French botanist. *Lancifolia* refers to lance-shaped leaves.

