

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads, Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Mt Ginini, Birrberi Nature Reserve, NSW

Common name

Golden Cassinia

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Alpine and subalpine **woodland**, **shrubland**, **herbfields**, and **grassland**, above 1200m. Both sides of the border on the western edge of the ACT. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Spreading shrub to 2.0 m high. Older branches with dark grey to purplish-black bark, vertically grooved, shed from the oldest stems in ribbons. Young stems usually reddish-purple, sparsely to moderately hairy or sticky hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–4 cm long, 1–4 mm wide, margins rolled down but usually not to the **midrib**, upper surface dark glossy green or dull grey/blue-green, more or less sticky, lower surface with a dense white **tomentum** and a hairless green midrib, tips pointed, margins rolled down but usually not reaching the midrib. Flower **heads** more or less bronze when young, pale straw-coloured to greenish cream when older, shiny, 4–6 mm long, 1.5 mm in diameter or less, with 4–6 creamy-white **florets**, in dense, round-topped clusters 10–80 mm in diameter, with several hundred flower heads. Flowering: January – March.

The name *Cassinia uncata* was previously misapplied to this species.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Cassinia-monticola> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

Much of the description above is based on Orchard, A.E. (2004), A revision of *Cassinia* (Asteraceae: Gnaphalieae) in Australia. 2. Sections Complanatae and Venustae. *Australian Systematic Botany* 17(6): 526–530, Figs 5 (map), 11, 12

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