

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer B Barnsley, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer B Barnsley, Kosciuszko National Park

Common name

A Billy-buttons

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Seepage areas on stony slopes and creek banks, and below semi-permanent snow patches. Often in shallow running water. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Lanky herb to 0.5 m high, with the fibrous remains of old leaves at the base. Flower stalks brown to purple-red, hairless, or loosely **woolly** below the flower **head**. Basal leaves 4–25 cm long, 5–25 mm wide, closely overlapping and cream to red at the base. Upper leaves **alternating** up the stems, to 13 cm long, 3–20 mm wide, becoming smaller up the stems and grading into stem-clasping **bracts**. Leaves bright green, shining, hairless or sparsely hairy, the margins more or less woolly. Flower **heads** creamy-white, 10–25 mm in diameter, with 20–50 **partial heads**; partial heads with 4–8 **florets** with 0 **petals**. Flower heads hemispherical to globular, single. Flowering: summer.

Protected NSW.

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

Author: Betty Wood.

This identification key and fact sheets are available as a free mobile application:



Android edition



iOS edition

Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia (CC BY)