

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Plant with flowers and seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Colin Totterdell, Kosciuszko National Park



Plant with seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Colin Totterdell, Kosciuszko National Park



Stems with seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Colin Totterdell, Kosciuszko National Park

Common name

Snow willow-herb

Family

Onagraceae

Where found

Very low **shrubland** in alpine **feldmark**, **herbfields**, disturbed sites, and moist gravelly places, especially below snow patches in alpine areas. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Mat-forming **perennial** herb, usually **prostrate** and rooting at the **nodes**, or with **erect** stems to 0.15 m high. Stems hairless or with inconspicuous fine hairs in two lines running down from the leaf-bases. Lower leaves opposite each other, those in the flowering region **alternating** along the stems, rather crowded, 0.5–2 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, glossy, usually with 3–5 shallow **gland**-tipped teeth. Flowers with 4 deeply notched white **petals** 3–5 mm long, and a hairless **floral tube**. Flowers single. Flowering: summer. Seed cases 0.8–2.5 cm long, hairless, green, becoming reddish at maturity, on stalks 5–50 mm long.

Definite identification of *Epilobium* species requires microscopic examination of the seeds.

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Epilobium~tasmanicum> (accessed 13 January, 2021)

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