

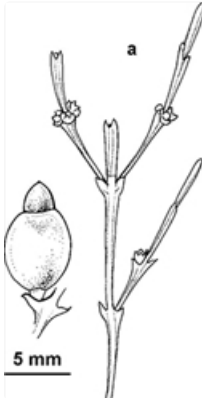
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Line drawings. a. flowering branch; fruit. MMoir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Alpine ballart

Family

Santalaceae

Where found

Heath, **herbfields**, in the shelter of boulders and **shrubs** or sprawling over rocks, raised areas in swamps, and in Sphagnum bogs. Kosciuszko National Park and north to the western edge of the ACT.

Notes

Shrub to 0.1 m tall, or **prostrate**, to about 1 m diameter, rooting at the **nodes**. Branchlets grooved and angular to flattened, hairless, green or yellowish green. Leaves mostly opposite each other, scale-like, triangular, 0.05–0.1 cm long. Flowers unisexual, yellow-green, sometimes tinged with red, inconspicuous, about 1.5 mm in diameter, with 4–6 '**petals**'. Flowers in clusters of 1–4. Flowering: September–February. fleshy stalk of the nut dark red, edible but not palatable.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Exocarpos~nanus> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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