

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches (subsp. *nivalis*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Colin Totterdell, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering branches (subsp. *nivalis*). Photographer Russell Best, Kosciuszko National Park

## Common name

Brindabella Mountain Grevillea (subsp. *brindabella*). Kosciuszko Grevillea (subsp. *nivalis*)

## Family

Proteaceae

## Where found

subsp. *brindabella*: Dry open forest, *Eucalyptus pauciflora* woodland, and rocky sites. Brindabella National Park north of the ACT border, and adjacent areas of the ACT, at 1,000-1,250 m altitude.

subsp. *nivalis*: Forest, woodland, heath, rocky areas, and along streams. Kosciuszko National Park and the mountains to the north, tablelands, and ranges.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 4 m high. Branches hairy with grey or silvery hairs. Branchlets and the underside of the leaves pale rusty hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1.5–14 cm long, 5–45 mm wide, margins **entire**, usually flat, rarely rolled down, lower surface exposed, hairy, or with scattered **appressed** hairs. Flowers with 4 '**petals**' joined together in pairs, '**petals**' red or pinkish red to orange to rusty brown, with conspicuous or inconspicuous red to rusty or purplish hairs; **bearded** with white hairs inside below the middle. **Gynoeceium** 12–26 mm long; **style** red or pinkish-red, mostly hairless. Flower clusters 1–8.5 cm long, cylindrical to almost globular.

In the absence of specific information, seeds of all species of *Grevillea* have been keyed as having one **wing**.

**subsp. *brindabella***: Leaf upper surface semi-glossy to distinctly glossy. Network between the **veins** on the upper leaf surface always absent; network between the veins on the lower leaf surface absent. Smaller flowers, the upper joined 'petals' 16–19 mm long, and the free part of the 'petals' 2.2–3 mm in diameter in side-view.

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

**subsp. *nivalis***: Leaf upper surface dull. Network between the veins on the upper leaf surface obscure to conspicuous, network between the veins on the lower leaf surface present, and conspicuous or prominent. Larger flowers, the upper joined 'petals' 18.2–23.5 mm long, and the free part of the 'petals' 3–4 mm in diameter in side-view.

Rare Vic. (subsp. *nivalis*)

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PlantNET description (subsp. *nivalis*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Grevillea~victoriae+subsp.~nivalis> (accessed 19 April 2021)

Description of subsp. *brindabella* in: V. Stajsic *Grevillea victoriae* subsp. *brindabella* (Proteaceae), a new subspecies from the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales. In *Muelleria* 28(1): 18-28 (2010)

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