

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Keon Perrie near St Arnaud, Vic



Carpet. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Colin Totterdell. Kosciuszko National Park

Common name

Alpine Kelleria

Family

Thymelaeaceae

Where found

Very low **shrubland** in alpine **feldmark**. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Small creeping **shrub** or **perennial** herb to about 0.05 m high, forming tufts or patches to 30 cm diameter; often much branched and intertwined. Stems slightly fleshy. Branchlets with prominent leaf scars towards the base, sometimes reddish. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, overlapping each other, 0.15-0.4 cm long, 0.2-1 mm wide, stiff, margins fringed, a conspicuous tuft of white hairs at the tips, becoming hairless with age. Flowers unisexual or bisexual. Flowers about 1.5 mm long, 3 mm in diameter, tubular, with 4 white petal-like **sepals**. Flowers in 1-5-flowered clusters.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Kelleria~dieffenbachii> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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