

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plants. Photographer Richard Hartland, Bogong High Plains, Vic



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer M Phillips, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, Namadji National Park

## Common name

Alpine sunray

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, very low **shrubland** in alpine **feldmark**, **grassland**, and **herbfields** at high altitude. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and the ACT.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.5 m high, often sprawling, woody at the base. Often forming extensive patches. Stems **woolly**, covered at the base with the remains of old leaves. Leaves crowded around the base of the stems and **alternating** up the lower stems, 1.5–9 cm long, 2–10 mm wide, grey, densely woolly. Flowers strongly perfumed. Flower **heads spreading** from the base, 20–40 mm in diameter. Most '**petals**' white, those on the back of the flower pale brown or reddish purple to purple. Centres yellow to orange. Flower heads single. Flowers spring-autumn.

Intergrades with *Leucochrysum albicans* var. *tricolor* where their ranges overlap.

Was *Leucochrysum albicans* subsp. *alpinum*.

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

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf1&lvi=sp&name=Leucochrysum~alpinum> (accessed 28 April 2021)

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