

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Line drawings. 1. fruit; male flower; branch. MMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Matted nertera

## Family

Rubiaceae

## Where found

Alpine **herbfields**, on rocks near water, wet soil, and bogs. Kosciuszko National Park.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb, **prostrate**. Stems to about 20 cm long, more or less rooting at the **nodes**, often forming dense mats. Hairless. Leaves opposite each other, mostly 0.15–0.8 cm long, 1–5 mm wide, oval to almost round, hairless, margins flat to curved down, tips more or less blunt, sometimes with a **mucro**. Flowers yellowish green or pinkish, with a bell-shaped tube about 1.5 mm long, and 4–5 lobes about as long as the tube. Flowers single. Flowering: spring–summer. Fruit fleshy, orange-red, oval or round, 3–4 mm wide.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Nertera~granadensis> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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