

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Bogong High Plains, Vic



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



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

Common name

Sticky Fleabane, Varnished Fleabane

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Heath, **grassland**, and **herbfields**, in alpine to subalpine areas. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and the ACT.

Notes

Tufted herb to 0.17 m high, often forming colonies. **Rhizomatous**. Flower stalks sticky, sparsely **woolly**. Leaves mostly in a basal **rosette**, 1.5–8 cm long, 4–20 mm wide, sticky, more or less hairless or with minute **glandular** hairs, tips blunt, margins **entire** or with a few teeth, leaves with a long stalk. Flower **heads** with 43-100 '**petals**' white, pink, mauve, or purplish, each 4–10 mm long. Centres yellow, with 12-40 **florets**. Flower heads 15–25 mm in diameter below the '**petals**', hemispherical to top-shaped, single. **Bracts** **appressed** to the flower **head linear**, pointed, sticky with glandular hairs and short **simple** hairs. Flowering: Dec.–Mar.

Erigeron nitidus in PlantNET.

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

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description (as *Erigeron nitidus*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Erigeron~nitidus> (accessed 17 April 2021)

Description above partly based on Forbes, S.J. & Morris, D.I. (1996), A review of the *Erigeron pappocromus* Labill. complex. *Muelleria* 9: 181-183

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