

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and flower buds. Photographer Ken Thomas, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Flowering stem. Photographer Steve Burrows, Kosciuszko National Park



Fruiting stems. Photographer Jackie Miles, Kosciuszko National Park



Shrub. Photographer Ken Thomas, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Line drawing. j. non-flowering branch. M Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Poison Rice-flower

Family

Thymelaeaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, grassy areas, and near streams. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and tablelands east and south of the ACT.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark shiny and reddish brown. Stems hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 0.4–2.5 cm long, 1–4 mm wide, hairless, both surfaces the same colour, medium green. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers green to yellow, 2–5 mm long, tubular, with 4 **spreading** lobes each 1-2 mm long. Flowers in **heads** of 3–9 flowers, **subtended** by 2 or 4 leaf-like **bracts** 0.3–1.1 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, persistent at the seeding stage. Flowers Spring-Summer. Fruit red, about 4 mm long.

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=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pimelea-pauciflora> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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