

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index,  
photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park

## Common name

A Poranthera

## Family

Phyllanthaceae

## Where found

**Woodland, grassland** and **herbfields**. At altitudes higher than 1300 m. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and the western edge of the ACT.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.3 m high, hairless; dying down to the rootstock every year. Stems often somewhat **glaucous**. Leaves opposite each other, widely spaced along the branches, 0.4–0.7 cm long, 1.8–4 mm wide, surfaces smooth, **midrib impressed** above, margins flat, or curved to rolled down, tips pointed to blunt. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers white, with 5 white **sepals** each about 1 mm long and 5 white **petals** each abt tips out 0.5 mm long. Flowers in short dense clusters about 3–8 mm in diameter. Flowers November to May.

Family was Euphorbiaceae.

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=Poranthera~oreophila> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

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