

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



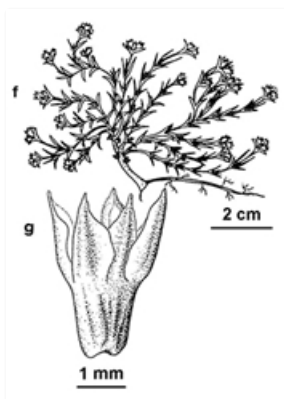
Flowering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Cobungra, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve, ACT



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Line drawings. f. plant; seed case. KR Thiele, Australian National Herbarium, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Tufted Knawel

Family

Caryophyllaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, and rocky sites. Tablelands south from near the Hume Highway. ACT. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Perennial herb with a woody base to 0.1 m high, sprawling or mat-forming. Stems usually hairless. Leaves crowded, 0.3–1 cm long, 0.2–1 mm wide, thickened towards the tips, **keeled**, hairless; tips **mucronate**, the **mucro** 0.2–0.9 mm long; margin very narrow, membranous, warty and appearing finely toothed. Flowers pale green, with 0 **petals**. **Stamens** 2, enclosed within the **calyx**, falling early. **Sepals** overlapping at the base, or tubular with 5 **spreading** lobes 0.5–3 mm long. Flowers in dense clusters, surrounded by 5 **bracts**, the bracts often longer than the flowers. Flowering: spring–summer.

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=Scleranthus~diander> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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