

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Russell Cumming, Kosciuszko National Park



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Russell Best, Bogong High Plains, Vic



Fruiting plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer R Jackson, Kosciuszko National Park

Common name

Snow Beard-Heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Heath, **grassland**, and rocky slopes. Above 1800 m altitude. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Shrub to 0.6 m high, or sprawling and rooting towards the base. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets rough with minute projections. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.3–0.8 cm long, 1–2.3 mm wide, hairless, surfaces different colours, lower surface often **glaucous** and with 3 central more or less parallel **veins**, margins **entire** and finely toothed near the tips. Flowers **erect**, generally unisexual, white, tubular, the tube 1–1.85 mm long, hairless, or sometimes warty on the inner face, with 5 lobes 1.25–1.6 mm long. Flowering: January–March. Flowers in **spikes** of 3–8 flowers. Fruit red when ripe.

Some populations near the tree line appear to show characteristics intermediate between *Acrothamnus hookeri* and *Acrothamnus montanus*.

Family was Epacridaceae.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acrothamnus~montanus> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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