

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



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

## Common name

Kosciuszko Pineapple Grass

## Family

Asteliaceae

## Where found

Bogs and wet sites in alpine and subalpine herb fields. Kosciuszko National Park.

## Notes

Mat-forming or tufted **perennial** herb to about 0.4 m high, covered with silvery white **scales**. Fruit fleshy. Leaves in a dense **rosette**, 5–25 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, both surfaces grey-green, tips narrow and pointed. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers with 6 reddish '**petals**,' free from each other or fused at the base, 15–20 mm in diameter. Flowers in compact, 2–5-flowered branched clusters, more or less hidden among the leaves, 3–18 mm long. Flowering: summer. Fruit orange-yellow to orange.

Coarser and more robust than *Astelia alpina* var. *novae-hollandiae*.

Endangered Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Astelia~psychrocharis> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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