

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and burrs. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Mauve burr-daisy

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassland, and roadsides, at higher altitudes. Mainly Kosciuszko National Park, tablelands, and the western edge of the ranges. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Herb to 0.35 m high, often sprawling, more or less woody at the base, hairy with short **glandular** hairs and scattered longer **simple** hairs. 'Seeds' flattened, 1–2.5 mm long, red-brown, warty with 4 or 5 spines of unequal length, 1.5–5 mm long, barbed towards the tips, stalkless. 'Seeds' stick to clothing. Basal leaves absent. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1.5–3 cm long, 5–9 mm wide, soft, bright green, glandular hairy, with toothed margins. Flower **heads** about 20 mm in diameter, with white, pink, blue, or mauve '**petals**' 5–8 mm long, and yellow centres. Flower heads single. Flowering: Spring-Summer.

Vulnerable Australia. Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

Definite identification of all species of *Calotis* is made by examining the seeds.

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10135> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

PlantNET description with line drawing of 'seed' and photos: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Calotis~glandulosa> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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