

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Barrington Tops National Park



Line drawing. d. flowering plant. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Spreading bitter-cress

Family

Brassicaceae

Where found

Grassy areas in alpine and sub-alpine areas. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and ACT.

Notes

Perennial herb with stems growing along the ground, rooting at the **nodes** and producing **erect** unbranched flowering stems to 0.3 m high. Basal leaves single along the stems, sometimes a few clustered at the base of the flowering stem, to 15 cm long, sometimes **compound**, with 2 or 4 **lateral** leaflets and a **terminal** leaflet. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, to 6 cm long, deeply **dissected** or compound. Flowers with 4 **petals**, white or pink on both sides, or pink on the outside, 6–11 mm long. 6 **stamens**. Flowers in many-flowered clusters. Flowers late spring to summer.

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description with line drawing and photos of dried specimens: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cardamine~astoniae> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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