

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Seeding plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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Common name

Alpine Colobanth

Family

Caryophyllaceae

Where found

Heath, very low **shrubland** in alpine **feldmark**, **grassland**, and **herbfields**, sometimes a colonizer of disturbed areas. Moist alpine areas. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Tufted **perennial** herb to 0.1 m tall, sometimes forming clumps to 9 cm diameter, hairless. Leaves opposite each other, crowded, 1.5–6 cm long, 0.5–1.5 mm wide, soft, grass-like, somewhat limp, tips pointed, **midrib** raised on the underside. Flowers with 5 broad-triangular **sepals** 2.5–4 mm long, persisting at the seeding stage, and 0 **petals**. Flowers single. Flowering: summer.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Colobanthus~affinis> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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