

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



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



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

## Common name

Soft Cushion-plant

## Family

Caryophyllaceae

## Where found

Moist areas of alpine **herbfields** and very low **shrubland** in alpine **feldmark**, and disturbed areas. Kosciuszko National Park.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb forming cushions 2-15 cm diameter which can coalesce into large mats. Hairless. Leaves opposite each other, crowded, overlapping, about 0.3-0.6 cm long, 0.5-0.8 mm wide, somewhat soft, almost **erect**, with a flattened **midrib**, flat margins, and tips with slender but not sharp points. Flowers with 4-6 pointed **sepals**, free from each other, about 1.5-3 mm long, and 0 **petals**. Flower stalks just below the flowers slender, 3-10 mm long, at least as long as the **calyx**. Flowers single. Flowering: summer.

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

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