

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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## Common name

Mountain cress

## Family

Brassicaceae

## Where found

Rocky and sandy sites. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and the tablelands south of the ACT.

## Notes

Herb or subshrub, to 0.4 m high, base and **rhizome** woody, plants grey with branched or **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Stems cylindrical or finely **fluted**. Basal leaves in a **rosette**, 1-5.3 cm long, **entire**, toothed, or lobed with 1-4 pairs of lobes. Stem leaves becoming smaller, **alternating** up the stems. Flowers with 4 **petals** each 3.5-6 mm long, white or lavender, often purplish on the back. Flowers spring-summer. Seed cases mostly 0.4-1 cm long (excluding the **beak**), 1-2 mm wide; beak 0.5-1 mm long; stalks 5-11 mm long.

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Vulnerable Vic. Listed in the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Drabastrum-alpestre> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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