

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Lake Mountain, Vic



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park

Common name

Snow heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Heath, very low **shrubland** in alpine **feldmark**, and around and in *Sphagnum* bogs. Kosciuszko National Park and the western edge of the ACT. Occasionally in the ranges and tablelands south of Cooma.

Notes

Shrub to about 0.8 m high, or sprawling to **prostrate** and rooting at the **nodes**. Branches with inconspicuous leaf scars. Branchlets covered in fine short hairs. Leaves scattered, 0.11–0.4 cm long, 0.7–3 mm wide, thick, broadly oval, concave in cross section, tips often turned up, margins with minute teeth. Flowers white, tubular, the bell-shaped tube 1.3–2 mm long, with 5 **spreading** lobes each 1.4–2.5 mm long. No hairs on the inside of the flowers. Flowers single at the base of the upper leaves, forming short, leafy clusters. Flowering: December–February.

Family was Epacridaceae.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Rare Vic.

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

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