

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Australian edelweiss, Silver ewartia

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Very low **shrubland** in alpine **feldmark**. Colonizes bare areas in alpine **herbfields**. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Shrub or **perennial** herb to 0.10 m high, mat-forming. Stems with silver-grey hairs, more or less covered with the remains of old leaves. Sometimes forms extensive mats or hummocks. Leaves crowded or **alternating** along the stems, 0.4–0.7 cm long, about 2 mm wide, hairy with silvery hairs turning brown with age, tips blunt to somewhat pointed, bases broad and stem-clasping. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flower **heads** 4–8 mm in diameter, **florets** purplish. **bracts appressed** to the flower heads looking like **petals**, hairless, conspicuous, white, to 3 mm long. Flower heads mostly single, stalkless. Flowering: January–March.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ewartia~nubigena> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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