

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Early forest-gentian, Snow-gentian

## Family

Gentianaceae

## Where found

Grassy understorey of open montane to subalpine **forest** and **woodland**. Kosciuszko National Park south of Talbingo, Namadgi National Park, ACT, and Scabby Range between them.

## Notes

**Annual** or **biennial** herb. Flowering stems to 0.40 m high or sprawling. Basal leaves 2–4 cm long, 5–10 mm wide, tips blunt to somewhat pointed. Stem leaves opposite each other, 1.5–3 cm long, 3–7 mm wide. Flowers white or cream with grey to violet or inconspicuous **veins**, tubular, the tube about 4 mm long, with 4 or 5 lobes to 9 mm long. Flower clusters usually 1-9 flowered. Flowers Sep.–Jan..

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=Gentianella~polysperes> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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