

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Bogong High Plains, Vic



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Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer R Hotchkiss, Kosciuszko National Park

## Common name

Carpet heath

## Family

Ericaceae

## Where found

Alpine **heath**, very low **shrubland** in alpine **feldmark**, **herbfields**, **grassland**, and rocky places. Kosciuszko National Park.

## Notes

**Prostrate** or sprawling **shrub** to 0.15 m high, forming mats to 1 m or more diameter. Fruit fleshy. Branchlets rough with persistent leaf scars. Stems **wiry**, hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves crowded, 0.3–0.6 cm long, 0.5–2.5 mm wide, leathery, bluntly **keeled**, concave to convex or flat, margins fringed, surfaces hairless, more or less shining, lower surface 5–7-veined. Flowers white, becoming brownish externally, tubular, the tube about 4–5.5 mm long, with 5 lobes about 2–2.5 mm long, hairy inside. Flowers single, more or less stalkless, near the ends of the branches. Flowering: December–March. Fruit red, 6–8 mm in diameter.

Family was Epacridaceae.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pentachondra-pumila> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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