

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Mles, Perisher, NSW



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Line drawing. I. fruiting branch. M.Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Matted rice-flower

Family

Thymelaeaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, and grassland, often on damp ground. Alpine and subalpine. Western edge of the ACT, the mountains west of the ACT, and Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Prostrate mat-forming **shrub**. Stems hairy when young. Leaves opposite each other, 0.2–1 cm long, 1–5 mm wide, upper surface mid-green and hairless, lower surface paler, lower surface and margins covered with short **appressed** hairs. Flowers usually bisexual, rarely female, dark red near the tips, paler below. Flowers tubular, the tube 4–7 mm long, with 4 **spreading** lobes each 0.8–2 mm long. Flowers 2 together, **subtended** by 2 leaflike **bracts**, each 0.6–0.9 cm long, at the tops of the stems. Flowers Nov.–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&lv=sp&name=Pimelea~biflora> (accessed 31 January, 2021)

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