

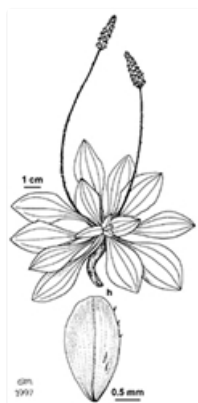
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Seedling plant. Photographer Don Wood, South East Forests National Park



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer S Donaldson, Namadgi National Park, ACT



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## Common name

Mountain Plantain

## Family

Plantaginaceae

## Where found

Mountain and subalpine **forest**, **woodland**, and **grassland**, mostly above 1000 m altitude. Mostly Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb with a long thick taproot. Flower stalks to 0.2 m high, smooth, hairy. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, 3–10 cm long, 8–35 mm wide, 3–5-veined, hairy, thick textured, mostly with 3–5 longitudinal **veins**, margins with a few irregular shallow teeth, tips blunt. Brown hairs in the leaf **axils**. Flowers tubular, the tube 2–2.5 mm long, with 4 lobes 1.3–1.8 mm long, **spreading** or turned down. **Sepals** 2.2–3.5 mm long. Sepal-like **bracts** just beneath the flowers 1.4–1.7 mm long, with a broad hairless to hairy **keel**. Flower **spike** cylindrical, 15–40 mm long, congested.

Possibly intergrades with *Plantago varia* in the Brindabella Range, ACT

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Plantago~antarctica> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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