

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Small star plantain

Family

Plantaginaceae

Where found

Alpine **herbfields** and cold seepage sites below snow patches. Kosciusko plateau above 2000 m altitude.

Notes

Perennial herb with **adventitious roots**. Often forming compact colonies. Leaves fleshy. Flower stalks to 0.05 m high, shorter than or about equal to the leaves, glossy, hairless or with sparse long hairs, with the remains of old leaves towards the base. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, 1-7 cm long, 1-18 mm wide, with 1 longitudinal **vein**, thick, glossy, hairless or with some hairs on the margins, rarely hairy on the upper surface, margins **entire** or with a few inconspicuous teeth, tips blunt. Flowers tubular, the tube 1.5-2 mm long, with 4 lobes 0.7-1.2 mm long, **spreading**. **Sepals** 2-2.2 mm long. Sepal-like **bracts** just beneath the flowers 1.5-3 mm long, dark brown, conspicuously **keeled**. Flowers in small **heads** about 2.5-6.5 mm long, of 1-5 flowers. Flowering: January-March

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

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