

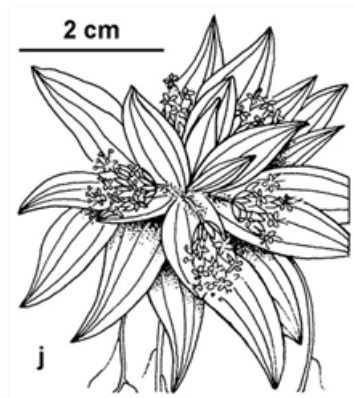
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Russell Best, Mt Kosciuszko



Seeding plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mt Kosciuszko summit



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Common name

Star plantain

Family

Plantaginaceae

Where found

Alpine **herbfields** and the margins of streams and bogs, and below snow patches, in the alpine and subalpine zones of Kosciuszko plateau and ACT.

Notes

Perennial herb with **adventitious roots**. Flowering stalks hairy, 1–2 mm long at flowering, elongating to about 5–20 cm long in seed. Leaves basal, 1.5–11.5 cm long, 5–15 mm wide, usually **spreading**, with 3 longitudinal **veins**, thick, glossy, hairless, margins **entire** or with a few inconspicuous teeth, bases tapering gradually to a slender stalk, tips blunt. Tufts of long golden-brown hairs in the **axils** of the leaves. Flowers tubular, the tube 2.5–3 mm long, with 4 lobes 1.4–2 mm long, spreading. **Sepals** 2.5–3.5 mm long. Sepal-like **bracts** just beneath the flowers oval and pointed, thick, 2.4–3.5 mm long. Flowers more or less in a **head** 4–6 mm in diameter, 2–13-flowered, hidden among the leaf bases at the flowering stage. Flowering: December–March

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

Endangered Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Plantago~muelleri> (accessed 25 January, 2021)

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