

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Spent flower (with a petal missing) and young seed case on leafy stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer A Lyne, east of Cooma



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Namadji National Park, ACT

Common name

Alpine rhytidosporum

Family

Pittosporaceae

Where found

Woodland, heath, and **grassland,** at higher altitudes. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and Two River Plain east of Cooma.

Notes

Dense dwarf **rhizomatous shrub** to 0.1 m high, often mat-forming. Stems flaky, often subterranean. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 0.5–1.5 cm long, 4–5 mm wide, margins **entire** or with minute teeth towards the tips, flat or slightly curved down or upwards, and slightly thickened, surfaces hairless, tips gradually tapering to a point and with an upturned **mucro**, stalks twisted, thick, and **winged**. Flowers cream to white, the tips of the **petals** often tinged pink, the backs of the petals sometimes mauve, with 5, sometimes 6, petals each 6–8 mm long. Flowers single. Flowers spring to summer.

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=Rhytidosporum-alpinum> (accessed 4 February, 2021)

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