

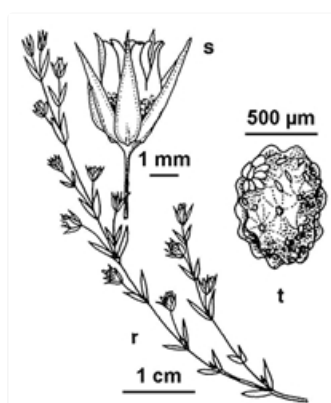
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Plants (subsp. *multiflora*). Photographer Tindo2, Tas



Plants (subsp. *multiflora*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Colin Totterdell, Kosciuszko National Park



Line drawings (subsp. *multiflora*). r. branchlet; s. flower; t. seed (scale 0.5 mm). EM Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Rayless starwort

Family

Caryophyllaceae

Where found

Damp shaded **forest**, **shrubland**, **heath**, grassy areas, and bare rocky areas. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and ACT.

subsp. *collaris*: ACT and Western Slopes

subsp. *multiflora*: Kosciuszko National Park and ACT..

subsp. *nebulosa*: ACT

Notes

Annual herb to 0.1 m high or sprawling to mat-forming, hairless or with scattered long hairs. Leaves opposite each other, 0.3–1 cm long, 0.6–3.5 mm wide, tips pointed to blunt, surfaces hairless or with sparse hairs on the lower half of the margins. Flowers green, with 5 **sepals** each 3–5 mm long, margins conspicuous, dry and membranous, and 0 **petals** or sometimes 2–4 petals 0.2–1 mm long. Flowers single. Flowering: winter-summer.

subsp. *collaris*: Stalks of individual seed cases with a distinct collar or wrinkles just under the seed case. Mature seed cases less than 2 mm in diameter; **valve** tips straight or slightly curved down

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

subsp. *multiflora*: Stalks of individual seed cases smooth and lacking a collar. Mature seed cases usually more than 2 mm wide, shorter or longer than the sepals, **valves** strongly rolled down at the tips. Plants hairless.

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subsp. *nebulosa*: Stalks of individual seed cases smooth and lacking a collar. Mature seed cases up to 2 mm wide, equal to or longer than the sepals, valves sometimes curved down but never strongly rolled down at the tips. Plants hairless or sparsely hairy.

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

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