

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Cushion. Photographer RTBG, Tas

Common name

Hard Cushion-plant

Family

Caryophyllaceae

Where found

Grassland, **herbfields**, very low **shrubland** in alpine **feldmark**, and disturbed areas. Kosciuszko National Park. One sighting from east of Cooma.

Notes

Perennial herb with leaves **spreading**, forming cushions about 2-10 cm diameter, sometimes forming dense, matted turfs. Hairless. Leaves and **sepals** with sharp tips. Leaves opposite each other, about 0.25-0.65 cm long, rigid, spreading, channelled above, convex below, with thickened margins, and a prominently **keeled midrib**. Flowers with 4-6 **erect** sepals free from each other, about 1.5-3.5 mm long. 0 **petals**. Stalks just below the flowers 1-2 mm long, thickened, shorter than the **calyx**. Flowers single. Flowering: summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Colobanthus~pulvinatus> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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