

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Colin Totterdell, Kosciuszko National Park



Line drawings (as *Euchiton fordianus*). e. plant; flower head. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board.

Common name

Alpine cudweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Open heath, **herbfields** and **grassland**, and along streams. Often on bare patches. ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Creeping and tufted **perennial** herb to 0.2 m high, rooting from the **nodes**. Stems **woolly**, with the dried remains of old leaves at the base. Leaves basal and **alternating** along the stems, 1.5–4 cm long, 5–10 mm wide, both surfaces silvery-hairy and hairless at the tip, bases narrowed and stem-clasping, tips a with minute **mucro**. Flower **heads** about 7–8 mm long, with many oval-cylindrical **florets**, about 5–15 in each cluster, and 0 **petals**. **Bracts** surrounding the flower heads 5.5–8 mm long, shining, green-brown at the base, pale at the tip, red-tinged in between. Flowering: Dec.–Mar.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Argyrotegium-fordianum> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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