

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles, Kosciuszko National Park



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Common name

Dwarf eye-bright

Family

Orobanchaceae

Where found

Open **shrubland**, alpine **feldmark**, **herbfields**, **grassland**, and bare stony areas. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Erect annual herb to 0.08 m high. Stems with **glandular** hairs, often reddish purple. Leaves opposite each other, upper leaves mostly 0.4–1.5 cm long, 2–9 mm wide, lower surface covered with stalkless **glands**, margins lobed to toothed with 1–3 pairs of teeth or lobes. Flowers tubular, 2-lipped, the upper lip with 2 lobes, the lower lip with 3 lobes. Flowers white to mauve, with 3 conspicuous red-purple to deep violet **striations** on each lobe, 5.5–10.2 mm long, about 8–10 mm in diameter. Flowers usually in 15–30-flowered clusters, fewer on struggling plants. Flowering: December–February

Family was Scrophulariaceae.

PlantNET description with line drawings: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Euphrasia~also> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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