

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Richard Hartland, Alpine National Park, Vic



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Smokers Flat, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Flowering plant. Photographer Russell Best, Kosciuszko National Park

Common name

An eyebright

Family

Orobanchaceae

Where found

Sphagnum swamps, streams or other damp situations in **woodland** and **grassland** at high altitude. ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park. Ranges and eastern edge of the tablelands in Wadbilliga National Park and nearby.

Notes

Annual herb to 0.4m tall. Stems with dense **glandular** hairs and some coarse non-glandular hairs. Leaves opposite each other. Upper stem leaves mostly 0.6–3.6 cm long, 1.7–9.5 mm wide, both surfaces covered with coarse short hairs, lower surface with stalkless **glands**, margins usually lobed, or sometimes more or less toothed with 2–5 pairs of teeth, or lobed and toothed. Flowers usually violet to mauve to pink, rarely white, 9–19 mm long, tubular, 2-lipped, with 5 lobes. Flowers in clusters of 10–32 flowers. Flowering: December–March.

Family was Scrophulariaceae.

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

Rare Vic.

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

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