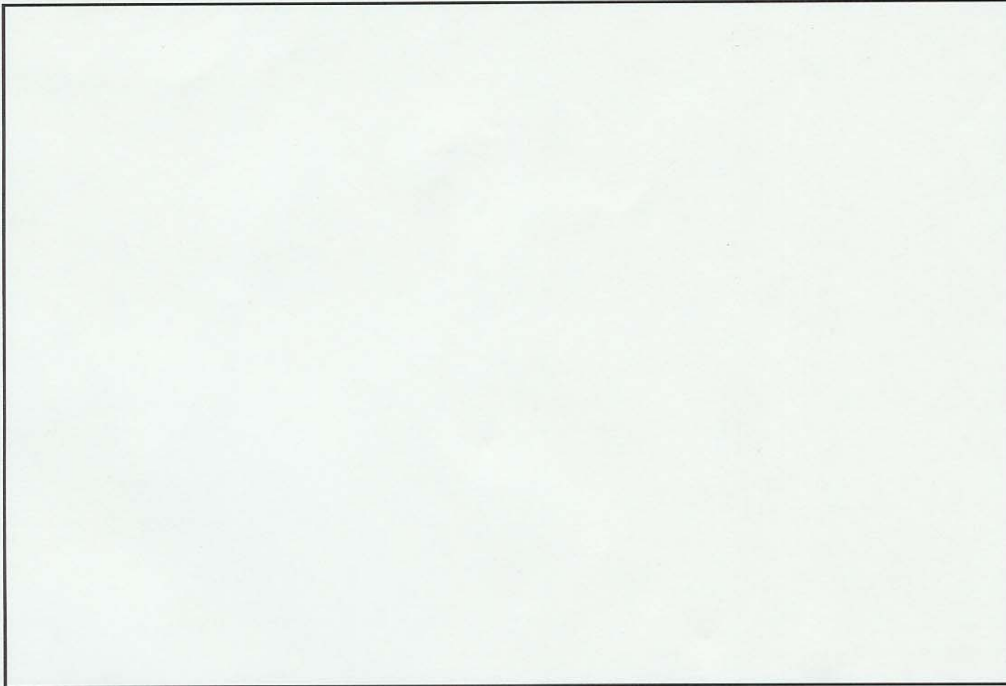


Monechma distichotrichum

Family: Acanthaceae



Collection Number: 62

Description: A small perennial shrub growing to approximately 40 cm. Leaves are slightly blue-grey / green, covered in fine white hairs and very soft. Leaves are simple and elliptic to obovate. The small pink flower has small leaves / sepals clustered around it. Petals are fused and the flower is 3 lobed. It is a many branched, dense shrub. Stems and branches are woody except end growing shoots.

Habitat: Found on mountain slopes, amongst rocks, in shrub / grassland. The distribution of this shrub also extends into the northern Cape.



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NAME: *Monechma distichotrichum*

Collection No: 62

Date: 06/04/01

Collector: Louise Clapham

Grid ref.: 2515 Bb

Locality: Stellarine farm, south side of Schaafsberg, part way up the slope.

Habitat: Mountain slope, fairly steep, very rocky. Close to a stream.

Plant features: Small, herbaceous shrub. Pink/purple flower, petals fused with 3 lobes. Leaves simple, elliptic - obovate, blue/grey green. Fine white hairs.

Other notes: Common. in a small, localised area.

NBRI - Collection Data Form

Collectors No. CLAZ (62) Date 06.04.2001
 Collector/s LOUISE CLAPHAM GPS
 Locality (please describe properly, not just grid/gps) Stellarine farm. South side of Shafsborg part way up the slope. Grid 2S15 Bb
 Aspect S Slope Steep Exposure Full, little shade Altitude ±1200m
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DESCRIPTION OF PLANT Please give as much information as possible

Species *Monochma? distichotrichum* Perennial/Annual

Habit (eg: dwarf shrub) Small shrub

Height ± 40 cm Occurrence (eg: common) Common localised area

Flower/Inflorescence (colour, shape, size, smell, texture) Pink/purple flower. Small with leaves clustered around it. Appears to have one petal (petals fused?) with 3 lobes.

Leaves (simple/compound, margin, shape, colour, texture, stipules) Simple, elliptic to obovate. Margin entire. Slightly blue-grey green. Leaves covered in fine white hairs, very soft.

Stems and bark (colour, texture, habit - eg: erect stem with yellow peeling papery bark - presence or absence and smell of sap or latex - eg: milky latex with unpleasant smell) Stems + branches woody except end growing shoots. Stem dividing into many branches.

Fruits and seed (presence/absence, shape, colour, edibility and taste if edible, single or clustered, maturity) Absent

Roots/Underground organs (shape, texture, colour, size)

Other (eg: uses, ecology)

Indigenous names and languages