

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RCH Shepherd, Cabramurra



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, north east of Cathcart



Flower buds and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Dorking, England

Common name

Yarrow, Milfoil

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Woodland, grassy areas, disturbed sites and roadsides, and moist gullies. Mainly Kosciuszko National Park and tablelands. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 1 m tall, **stoloniferous**. Mat-forming. Stems cylindrical, finely ridged, hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, in a basal **rosette** and **alternating** up the stems, 2-15 cm long, 8-50 mm wide, deeply **dissected**, almost **compound**, with 31 or more dissected lobes per leaf, each lobe 0.5-2 cm long, to 1 mm wide, surfaces hairy to almost hairless. Flower **heads** below the '**petals**' 4-10 mm in diameter, with 4-7 white to pink, reddish pink, or mauve '**petals**' 1-4 mm long, and yellow to white centres with 10-20 **florets**. Flower heads in dense clusters 40-150 mm in diameter. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Achillea~millefolium> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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