

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering stems. Photographer Nakiá Belmer, Newnes State Forest near Lithgow

## Common name

Ridge Flannel-flower, Pink Flannel Flower

## Family

Apiaceae

## Where found

Damp areas in **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath** on shallow rocky soils. Requires disturbance or fire to stimulate germination and flowering. Ranges and eastern edge of the tablelands north from west of Ulladulla.

## Notes

**Annual** sprawling herb, with stems to 0.50 m long, sometimes with a **perennial** rootstock. Flower stalks to 0.1 m high at the seeding stage, hairy. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **compound**, usually 0.5–1.8 cm long, to 10–15 mm wide, with 3–7 leaflets, surfaces more or less hairless. Flowers in **head**-like clusters 7.5–11.5 mm in diameter, to 20 mm in diameter including the petal-like **bracts**, with male flowers encircling up to 60 female flowers. Individual flowers pink, tiny. Bracts ('**petals**') surrounding the flower **heads** 10–12, white to pink above, green to white-pink below. Flowers January–May, rarely September–October.

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

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