

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RCH Shepherd, Peregian Beach, Qld



Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, Sussex Inlet South



Stem and leaves. Photographers Forest and Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA

Common name

Blue billygoat weed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Grassy areas, gardens, disturbed sites, wasteland, roadsides, wetlands, and along streams. Mainly Sydney area and the lower Blue Mountains. One coastal sighting from Jervis Bay.

Notes

Introduced annual or **biennial** herb to 1 m tall or sprawling, hairy to almost hairless. Stems cylindrical. Leaves mostly opposite each other, sometimes **alternating** up the upper parts of the stems, 2-7 cm long, 15-60 mm wide, both surfaces with scattered hairs, margins scalloped, tips blunt or pointed. Flower **heads** more or less globular, 3-8 mm in diameter, pink, blue, or mauve to purplish, with numerous **florets** and 0 **petals**, in dense clusters. Flowers most of the year, mainly Summer.

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

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