

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Female flower heads. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Nelligen west of Batemans Bay



Male flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Nelligen west of Batemans Bay



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Nelligen west of Batemans Bay

Common name

Annual ragweed, Common ragweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Woodland, pastures, roadsides, wasteland and cultivation, and along streams. Coastal north from near Batemans Bay. Sydney region as far inland as Richmond.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 2 m high. Stems cylindrical, almost hairless to rough hairy, reddish or brownish-green. Leaves initially forming a basal **rosette**, then opposite each other near the plant base and sometimes **alternating** up the stems higher up the stems, 1–16 cm long, 10–70 mm wide, green to grey-green, hairy with fine hairs to more or less hairless, fern-like, deeply lobed or **compound**. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Male flower **heads** 2–3 mm in diameter, cream, yellowish, yellow-green or pale green to white, hemispherical, with 10–100 **florets** in each **head**. Male flower heads in **spike**-like clusters up to 20 cm long. Female flower heads with 1 tiny **floret**, in clusters of 1–7 flower heads. Flowering: summer to early winter.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ambrosia-artemisiifolia> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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