

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Pato Novoa, Los Vilos, Chile



Flower cluster. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, between Cohuna & Swan Hill, Vic



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, between Cohuna & Swan Hill, Vic

Common name

Hairy fiddleneck, Yellow Burr-weed, Amsinckia

Family

Boraginaceae

Where found

A weed of pastures, cultivated land and other disturbed sites. ACT, Queanbeyan and nearby. Western Slopes. Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb 0.15–0.6 m tall. Stems hairy and bristly. Leaves in a basal **rosette** and **alternating** up the stems, basal leaves 2.5–10 cm long, 2–25 mm wide, bristly, margins sometimes wavy, bases sometimes almost **cordate**. Stem leaves becoming narrower and smaller up the stems. Flowers 5–8 mm long, pale yellow, tubular, with 5 lobes, the tube much longer than the lobes. Flowers in clusters on one side of the coiled stalk when young, the stalk soon elongating. 'Seeds' brown to black, not or weakly transversely wrinkled, usually 2–2.5 mm long. Flowers Spring.

Noxious weed Vic.

Plants **naturalised** in the ACT are **intermediate** between *Amsinckia calycina* and ***Amsinckia intermedia***.

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

Author: Betty Wood.

This identification key and fact sheets are available as a free mobile application:



Android edition



iOS edition

Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia (CC BY)