

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and seeding plant. Photographer Don Wood, Wandella State Forest west of Cobargo



Rosette. Photographer Jackie Miles

Common name

Purple fireweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, roadsides, and gullies. Widespread. No records from the western slopes.

Notes

Perennial herb, mostly to 0.90 m high. Stems reddish purplish, sparsely **cobwebby**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, usually 5–10 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, often deeply **dissected** (especially the upper leaves), hairless to cobwebby, lower surface often purplish, margins coarsely toothed, stalks sometimes **winged**. Flower **heads** 2–4 mm in diameter, with 0 **petals**. **Bracts** surrounding the flower heads 15–20 mm long. Flowering: summer.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Was *Arrhenechthites mixta*.

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

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