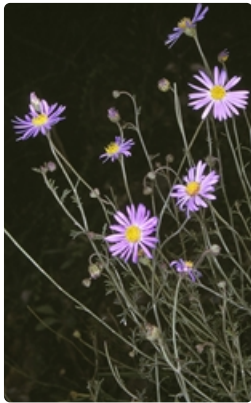


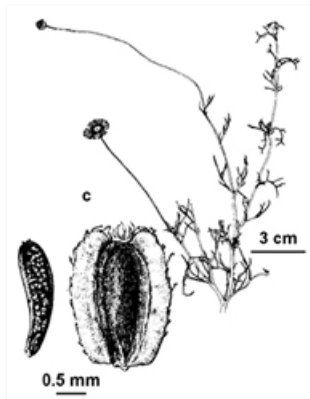
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, between Araluen and Mbruya



Flowering plant. Photographer Russell Best, Lake Albacutya, Vic



Line drawings. c. flowering branch; seed (front and side view). Gloria Thomlinson, Daisy Study Group, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Variable daisy

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, shrubland, grassy areas, roadsides, and lake margins. Widespread but rarely coast and ranges.

Notes

Annual or **perennial** herb or **shrub** to 0.45 m tall. **Scapes** hairless, sticky, hairy, or sticky-hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5-6 cm long, 1–20 mm wide, hairless to hairy, sometimes sticky, margins **entire**, toothed, or deeply **dissected**, the **segments** sometimes dissected, tips pointed. Flower **heads** with 20-91 white to mauve or pink to purple '**petals**' each 2-9 mm long, and yellow centres 2.6-15 mm in diameter. **Bracts appressed** to the flower heads 12-30. Flowers most of the year. 'Seeds' flattened, usually some **winged**, some not winged.

Definite identification of most species of *Brachyscome* depends on microscopic examination of the seeds.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Brachyscome~ciliaris> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

Description partly based on: Short, P.S. (2014), A taxonomic review of *Brachyscome* Cass. s.lat. (Asteraceae: Astereae), including description of a new genus, *Roebuckia*, new species and new infraspecific taxa. *Journal of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens* 28: 59-62. This description no longer recognises subspecies.

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