

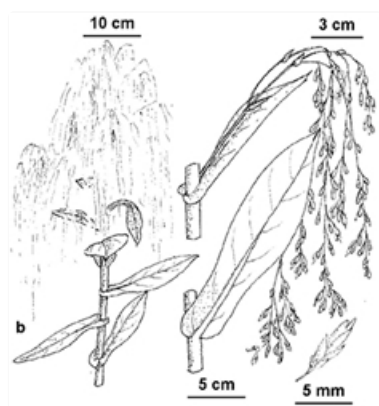
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway north of Milton



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens, Mt Torrah



Line drawings. b. flowering branch; leaf; branch of flower cluster; flower head. E Beckett, University of Oxford, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Incense Plant, Plume Bush

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, disturbed sites, roadsides, and along river flats. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands. No recent records in the Wollongong and Sydney areas.

Notes

Biennial herb, to 3 m high. Main stem more or less white-**woolly**, branchlets with dense **glandular** hairs, with or without **cottony** hairs. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stem, 10–30 cm long, 20–100 mm wide, both surfaces hairy with glandular hairs, lower surface more or less woolly, upper surface more or less woolly only on the lower part of the **midrib**, margins frequently more or less scalloped, tips gradually tapering to a point. Flower **heads** with 2–4 **florets**, 6–8 mm long, 1.5–2.5 mm wide, with 0 **petals**. 12–17 **bracts** surrounding each flower **head**, pale brown more or less tinged with orange or pink to rose-pink or red, occasionally almost colourless. Flower clusters of 200–500 flower heads, usually 35–60 cm long, the branches weeping. Flowering: summer–autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Calomeria~amaranthoides> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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