

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Jackie Miles, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Kowen Stock Route Reserve, ACT



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Dave Mallinson, Boboyan, ACT



Line drawings. g. leaf; seed. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Rough burr-daisy, Blue burr-daisy

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and **grassland.** Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, tablelands, and the western edge of the ranges. Occasionally on the Western Slopes.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.45 m high, **rhizomatous** or **stoloniferous**, forming colonies. Stems sparsely hairy to hairy or bristly. 'Seeds' flattened, 2.5–4 mm long, smooth, hairless, with prominent **marginal** ridges and 4–6 spines 1–4 mm long, barbed at the tips, often with smaller spines 1 mm long, all hairy at the base. 'Seeds' stick to clothing. Basal leaves 3–20 cm long, 7–40 mm wide, broadly spoon-shaped, margins toothed or **dissected**. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5–3 cm long, 2–10 mm wide. Leaves rough or hairy, bases slightly stem-clasping. Flower **heads** 15–35 mm in diameter, with 10–65 white, mauve, magenta, or purplish '**petals**' 7–13 mm long, and yellow centres. Flowering: throughout the year.

Definite identification of all species of *Calotis* is made by examining the burrs.

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

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

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