

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



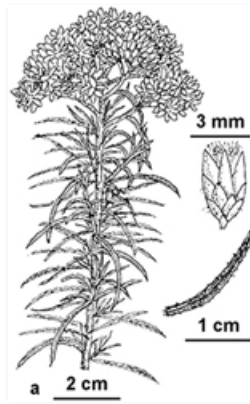
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Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Mogo State Forest near Mogo



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Common name

Dolly Bush, Common Cassinia, Dogwood

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

A wide range of **habitats**, most frequently **forest**, **woodland**, and disturbed sites. One of the few native **shrubs** that can persist in the understorey of *Pinus radiata* plantations. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to about 3 m high. Trunk and older branches with smooth to lightly stringy bark, longitudinally fissured on the trunk, becoming black and flaky. Young stems green to reddish, densely sticky hairy, sometimes not sticky. Leaves almost opposite each other at the bases of twigs, **alternating** higher up the stems, 0.3–5.5 cm long, 0.7–2.5 mm wide, margins usually rolled down, lower surface almost to quite obscured. Flower **heads** creamy white to white (rarely pink in bud, fading to white) 3.5–5 mm long, with 4–7 **florets** and 0 **petals**, in clusters 20–130 mm in diameter of 30–200 flower heads. Flowers October to February.

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&lvl=sp&name=Cassinia-aculeata> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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