

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower cluster. Photographer Don Wood, Morton National Park



Flowering stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flower clusters and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Yellow Cassinia

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland and **heath**. Coast and ranges. Eastern edge of the tablelands north from Bungonia.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Stems reddish with short **glandular** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2.5–7 cm long, 2–8 mm wide, flat with slightly rolled down margins, rarely almost cylindrical with more strongly rolled down margins, **midrib** sunken above, prominent below, sometimes with distinct **lateral veins** parallel to the midrib in larger leaves; upper surface dark green, hairless, with minute glandular hairs, or with very sparse minute rough hairs, lower surface paler, olive green, with dense golden globular glandular hairs and **cottony** hairs, rarely hairless (alternatively, sometimes the cottony hairs dense and almost obscuring the globular hairs), tips pointed. Flower **heads** yellow, 1–3 mm long, about 1 mm in diameter, with 5–6 **florets**, in dense clusters to 120 mm in diameter. Flowering: spring–summer.

Protected NSW.

Description partly based on Orchard, A.E. (28 October 2009), A revision of *Cassinia* (Asteraceae: Gnaphalieae) in Australia. 6. Section *Cassinia*. *Australian Systematic Botany* 22(5): 365–369, Figs 9, 10A–E, F (map)

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

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