

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Cough bush, Dead finish

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Open **woodland**, **mallee**, shubland, and other **habitats**. Rocky sites. Western Slopes and tablelands. Ranges north of Bowral. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m tall. Stems usually with prominent scars from the bases of fallen leaves, white **woolly**. Leaves with a curry-like or unpleasant odour. Leaves **alternating** up the stems or crowded, 1-5 cm long, about 1 mm wide, upper surface shiny, hairless, lower surface sticky hairy, margins rolled down, almost concealing the lower surface, bases continuing down the stems, tips blunt to pointed. Flower **heads** 3-4 mm long, creamy white to cream or straw coloured, cylindrical to oval or bell-shaped, with 2-10 **florets** with 0 **petals**, in dense to loose branched clusters. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

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

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