

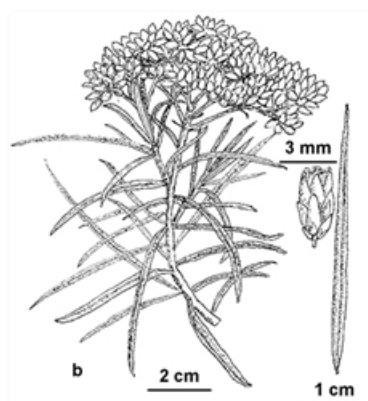
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, ACT



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

Common name

Shiny cassinia, Cauliflower bush, Long-leaf dogwood

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, roadsides and disturbed sites, and rocky areas. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to 2.5 m tall. Stems sticky hairy. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 1.5-12 cm long, 1-9 mm wide, upper surface dark green, glossy, hairless and sticky apart from some **cottony** hairs on the deeply sunken **midrib**, lower surface with stalkless golden globular **glandular** hairs obscured by a mat of white to pale grey cottony hairs, the cottony hairs sometimes sparse and then lower surface pale green, midrib deeply sunken on the upper surface, prominent on the lower surface, margins flat to rolled down, tips pointed. Flower **heads** 2-4.5 mm long, white, cylindrical to oval or slightly bell-shaped, with 5-6 creamy white **florets** with 0 **petals**, in dense clusters of 50-400 flower heads, 50-200 mm in diameter. Flowers Summer to Autumn.

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

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): 360-365, Figs 6, 7, 8 (map)

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

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