

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Stem with spent flowers. Photographer Russell Best, Burrow-a-Fine Mountain National Park, Vic, east of Jingellie

## Common name

A cassinia

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** in rocky areas. Cabramurra to Albury. Most records from the Victorian side of the border.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 2 m tall. Bark on older branches red-brown, slightly flaky and glossy, with shallow longitudinal cracks and **striations**. Branchlets densely hairy with **glandular** hairs, slightly sticky. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4-9.5 cm long, 1-3 mm wide, margins usually rolled down almost to the **midrib**, upper surface glossy to somewhat glossy, deep green, slightly sticky, hairless or with minute wart-based hairs, lower surface more or less **woolly**. Flower **heads** pale yellow-brown to green, shiny, 4-4.5 mm long, 1-2 mm in diameter, cylindrical, with 4-7 dark yellow **florets** with 0 **petals**. **bracts appressed** to the flower heads pale golden brown to straw yellow, translucent. Flower heads in large flat-topped or domed clusters 25-85 mm in diameter, of hundreds to thousands of heads. Old flower clusters retained on the plant for about 12 months. Flowers Spring-Summer.

Rare Vic.

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

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