

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, between Narrandera and Junee



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Yass and Wee Jasper



Infestation. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Nyngan



Seedling. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer C Roche, USA

Common name

St Barnaby's thistle

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Weed of grassy areas, waste areas, roadsides, and damp areas. Western Slopes, Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, tablelands, and the Sydney area.

Notes

Introduced annual or biennial herb to 1 m high. **Bracts** on the flower **heads** spiny. Stems much-branched, **winged**, greyish hairy. Basal leaves short lived, to 20 cm long, 60 mm wide, hairy to **cobwebby**, deeply **dissected**. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–7 cm long, 2–8 mm wide, with soft, cobwebby hairs, margins **entire** to toothed, bases continuing down the stems. Flower heads green, oval to globular, 10–12 mm long, 4–15 mm in diameter, with many yellow **florets** 15–20 mm long, 0 **petals**. Flower heads single. Flowering: spring–summer.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

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

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