

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, north of Braidwood



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, near Tharwa, ACT



Rosette. Photographer Zoya Akulova, California, USA

Common name

Skeleton weed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Grassy areas, disturbed sites, and roadsides. Western Slopes, Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, Tablelands, and Sydney area. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 1.3 m tall. Stems ribbed, hairy or bristly at the base. Basal leaves soon withering, 4-20 cm long, 15-50 mm wide, margins toothed or lobed, surfaces hairless, tips blunt. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, to about 10 cm long, mostly reduced and **bract**-like, hairless, with **entire** margins. Often leafless at flowering time. Flower **heads** with 9-15 yellow '**petals**', 7-10 mm long. Flower heads 10-20 mm in diameter behind the '**petals**', cylindrical, in clusters of 1-3. Flowers Summer to Autumn.

Noxious weed Vic.

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

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