

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



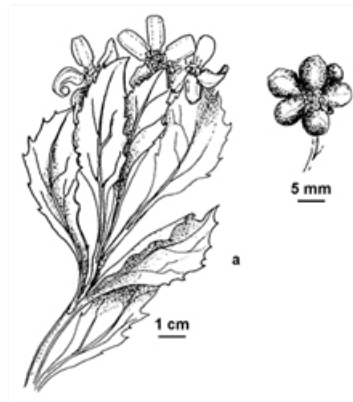
Flowers and leaves (subsp. *monilifera*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer CG Wilson, Flagstaff Hill, SA



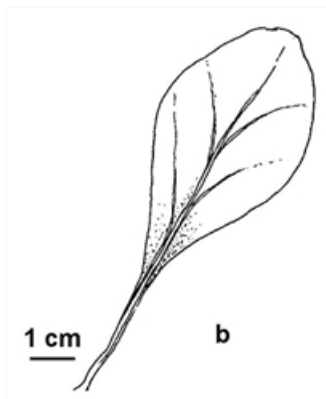
Flower, fruit, and leaves (subsp. *rotundata*).  
Photographer Jackie Miles



Shrub (subsp. *monilifera*). Photographer Hanky Helper, Broulee.



Line drawings (subsp. *monilifera*). a. flowering branch; fruiting cluster. P Strickland, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board



Line drawing (subsp. *rotundata*). b. flowering branch; fruiting cluster. P Strickland, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Boneseed, African boneseed, Bitou bush

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

subsp. *monilifera*: **Forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, coastal dunes, and near streams. Coastal north from Moruya. Mountains west of Sydney.

subsp. *rotundata*: Forest, woodland, and dunes. Coastal and including Sydney area inland from the coast.

## Notes

**Introduced shrub** to 3 m tall, occasionally a tree to 6m tall. Fruit fleshy. Young growth hairy to white **woolly**, becoming hairless. Leaves somewhat fleshy, **alternating** up the stems, 2-9 cm long, 10-55 mm wide, hairy, glossy green, margins **entire** to toothed, tips pointed or blunt. Flower **heads** 15-30 mm in diameter overall, with 4-13 'yellow petals', and yellow centres, bell-shaped behind the '**petals**', single or in clusters of 3-12. Fruit purplish black when ripe. Flowers most of year, mainly Winter to Summer.

A Weed of National Significance. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions all NSW. Pest plant ACT. Noxious weed Vic.

CONTROL ORDER (subsp. *monilifera*): If you see this plant report it to your local control authority or the NSW DPI Biosecurity Helpline 1800 680 244

**subsp. *monilifera***: Shrub to 3 m tall, occasionally a tree to 6m tall. Leaves 2-9 cm long, 10-50 mm wide. Leaf margins usually toothed. Leaf bases gradually narrow towards the stems.

**subsp. *rotundata***: Shrub to 2 m tall. Leaves 2-8 cm long, 15-55 mm wide. Leaf margins usually not toothed. Leaf bases abruptly narrow towards the stems.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Chrysanthemoides~monilifera> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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