

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



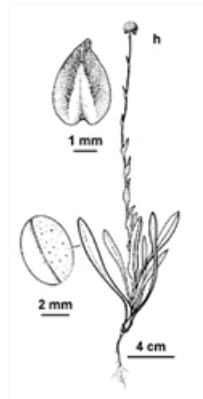
Flowering plant. Photographer Richard Hartland, unknown place



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Leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, unknown place



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Common name

Crimson Billy-buttons

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Moist grassy areas. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and the ACT.

Notes

Herb to 0.52 m high. The single flower stalk hairy, straw-coloured to crimson, the base of the plant purple. Leaves mainly basal. Basal leaves 5–25 cm long, 2–12 mm wide. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5–15 cm long, 1–10 mm wide, stem-clasping. upper surface of the leaves green, slightly sticky hairy or hairless; lower surface slightly sticky hairy, or hairy; margins finely **woolly** or hairy, tips hairless or with **appressed** woolly hairs. **Compound heads** orange, globular to hemispherical, 10–20 mm in diameter, with about 30–60 **partial heads**; partial heads with 5–10 **florets** with 0 **petals**. Flowering: summer.

Occasionally hybridizes with *Craspedia aurantia* and *Craspedia jamesii*.

Protected NSW.

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

Rare Vic.

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

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