

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



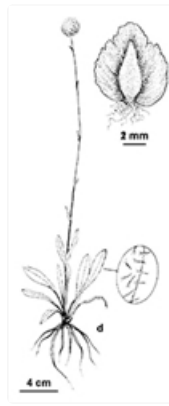
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Back of flower head. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Nadgigomar Nature Reserve north of Braidwood



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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Common name

Common billy-buttons, Variable billy buttons, Billy buttons

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **grassland**, roadsides, and damp sites. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb, branched at the base. 1 to several flower stalks to 0.50 m high, yellowish to reddish, hairy. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, 3–20 cm long, 4–20 mm wide, pale to olive-green, sticky hairy, often with very sparse fine **woolly** hairs (particularly near the margins), tips broadly pointed. Flower **heads** golden-yellow, globular, 10–30 mm in diameter, with about 40–100 **partial heads**; partial heads prominently stalked, with 7–12 **florets** with 0 **petals**. Flower heads single. Flowering: spring to summer.

Protected NSW.

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

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

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