

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



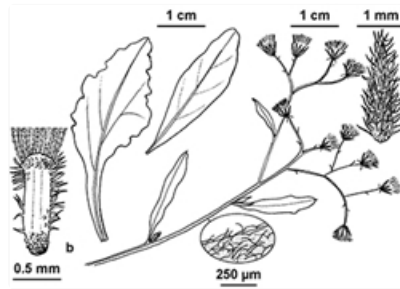
Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, SW of Mt Garnet, Qld



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Mogo State Forest near Mogo



Stem. Photographer John Tann, Compo near Sydney



Line drawings. b. flowering branch (detail showing hairs on stem); leaf variants; bract; seed. E. Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Vernonia, Ironweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **grassland**, and roadsides and other disturbed sites. Coast, ranges, and occasionally on the tablelands. Most records of this species pre-date the description of the varieties.

Var. *cinereum*: Sydney area and Blue Mountains. Rarely farther south.

Var. *pinnatifolium*: Sydney area and Blue Mountains.

Notes

Annual to **perennial herbs** to 1.2 m high. Stems ribbed, more or less hairless to densely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–7 cm long, 3–35 mm wide, margins wavy and toothed to **dissected** or almost **entire**; upper surface green, dotted with **glands**, sparsely hairy, lower surface thinly to thickly hairy or almost hairless; uppermost leaves often stalkless and much smaller. Flower **heads** hemispherical to cylindrical, 5–10 mm in diameter below the **florets**. Florets purple or white, 2.5–5.5 mm long. Flowering: summer–autumn.

Was *Vernonia cinerea*.

Var. cinereum: Leaves wavy and toothed towards the tips, or irregularly toothed towards the tips to more or less entire.

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Var. pinnatifolium: Leaves deeply dissected, with 3–6 mm long lobes.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cyanthillium-cinereum> (accessed 12 October, 2020)

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