

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tidbinbilla Tracking Station, ACT



'Seeds'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Herbarium, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Bear's ear

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, roadsides and disturbed areas. A weed of lawns and gardens. Widespread. Not common on the coast south of the Sydney area.

Notes

Annual or **perennial** herb to 0.30 m high. Flower stalk 0–0.1 m long, **cottony** hairy. Leaves basal, forming a **rosette**, 4–25 cm long, 10–90 mm wide, margins **entire** or toothed; upper surface dark or lime green, hairy or nearly hairless, lower surface white **woolly**. Flower **heads** with 10–20 yellow '**petals**' 4–11 mm long, and yellow centres 8–20 mm in diameter. Flower heads below the '**petals**' hemispherical. 'Seeds' 2.0–2.8 mm long, brown to black, strongly curved, hairy on the convex outer face. Flowers throughout the year, probably in response to rain, but most commonly in spring.

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=Cymbonotus-lawsonianus> (accessed 9 January, 2021)

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