

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA



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Common name

Trailing African Daisy

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Grown as a hardy rockery or border plant. Urban bushland, coastal sites, and stream banks. Mainly coast and ranges north from Tahmoor. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to about 0.4 m high, sprawling, rooting from the **nodes**. Leaves fleshy, **alternating** up the stems, to about 7 cm long, 25 mm wide, rather thick-textured, rough and sticky, margins **entire** to shallowly toothed or scalloped. Flower **heads** with about 12–15 '**petals**' each about 30–45 mm long, usually mauve near the centre, mainly white above, purplish beneath, sometimes pinky mauve above. Centres nearly black before the flowers fully open, violet when fully open. Flower heads cup shaped to hemispherical below the '**petals**'. About 12–15 **bracts** surrounding the flower heads below the '**petals**'. Flower heads single. Flowers mostly spring to summer, but often a few flowers present year-round.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/8e11bdbb-1c28-4418-bd38-9e433d468c45> (accessed 16 January 2021)

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