

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla National Park south of Narooma



Spent flower. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RCH Shepherd, near Dinglee, Vic



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Murrumbidgee River, ACT

Common name

Stinkwort

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Roadsides, disturbed sites, moist areas, along streams, and beaches. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 1.3 m tall. Stems sticky hairy. Leaves unpleasantly aromatic when rubbed. To some people it smells like camphor. Basal leaves 2-10 cm long, 1-8 mm wide, soon withering. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1-6 cm long, 1-10 mm wide, surfaces hairy, sticky, margins **entire** or sometimes toothed, bases almost stem-clasping. Flower **heads** below the '**petals**' about 5-7 mm in diameter, bell-shaped, with 10-12 yellow '**petals**' each 4-7 mm long. Flower buds sometimes reddish. Flower heads single at the bases of the leaves or in open clusters at the tops of the stems. Flowers Summer to Autumn. Can cause dermatitis.

Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Dittrichia~graveolens> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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