

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Laurieton, NSW



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Laurieton, NSW



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Common name

Brazilian Fireweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Weed of pastures, roadsides, gardens, waste areas, disturbed sites, and waterways. Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb, usually to 1.5 m high. Mostly hairless except for **cobwebby** young growth. Leaves **alternating** up the stems. Lowest leaves 3–6 cm long, 20–30 mm wide, margins more or less **entire** to toothed. Upper leaves toothed, or deeply **dissected** to more or less **compound**, mostly 5–20 cm long, 30–80 mm wide. Flower **heads** about 3 mm in diameter; **bracts** surrounding the flower heads about 10 mm long. Flower heads in clusters. Flowering: summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Erechtites~valerianifolius> (accessed 13 January, 2021)

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