

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



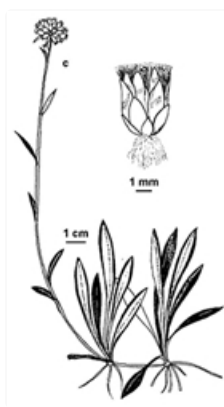
Flower cluster and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



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Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, South East Forests National Park



Line drawing (as *Euchiton gymnocephalus*). Plant; flower head. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Creeping cudweed, Japanese cudweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, shrubland, disturbed ground, and moist sites. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial or **biennial** herb to 0.4 m high, **stoloniferous**, often mat forming. Basal leaves in a **rosette**, 2–20 cm long, 2–15 mm wide, upper surface green and more or less hairless, lower surface with a silvery **tomentum**, tips pointed, margins **entire**; **blades** with a distinct **midvein** and 2 **lateral veins**. Stems leaves **alternating** up the stems, few, elliptic, bases stem clasping. Bracts **appressed** to the individual flower **heads** pale brown and dry and membranous at the top, green at the base, and red to purple in between. Outer **florets** purple, inner florets purple or colourless. Flower heads bell-shaped or cup-shaped, 1–2 mm in diameter, about twice as long as broad, in a tight or loose cluster of 5–35 flower heads, surrounded by 1–3 small leafy **bracts**, the longest about 1–2 cm long. Flower cluster at the top of the stem. Sometimes smaller flower clusters at the base of the upper leaves. Flowers throughout the year.

Was *Euchiton gymnocephalus*.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Euchiton-japonicus> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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