

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and seeding stems. Photographer Zoyal Akulova, California, USA



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Paul Hadobas, between Bungendore and Braidwood



Leafy stem. Photographer Daniel H Janzen, Costa Rica

## Common name

Cudweed

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Disturbed areas and moist sites. Widespread. Few records from the Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Introduced annual or biennial** herb to 0.65 m high. Basal leaves in a **rosette**, usually withering or withered at flowering and not persisting, 3–12 cm long, 4–20 mm wide, upper surface green and almost hairless, lower surface with a white **tomentum**, tips blunt to pointed, with a short **mucre**, margins usually flat, sometimes wavy. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, similar to the basal leaves but smaller and narrower, distinctly somewhat stem claspings. Flower **heads** 4–4.5 mm long, 1.5–3 mm in diameter. **Florets** with yellowish tips. Bracts tightly attached to the flower heads green or straw-coloured, sometimes also reddish purple, with translucent tips. Flower heads forming dense **spikes**, surrounded by several white-hairy leaflike **bracts**. Flowering: mostly Dec.–Mar.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Gamochaeta-americana> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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