

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



Line drawings. c. flowering plant; flower head. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Cudweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Disturbed areas, often in dry **forest**, **woodland**, gardens, footpaths, waste areas, and along streams. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced annual or **biennial** herb to 0.25 m high, or more or less **prostrate**. Stems hairy. Lower leaves usually withered at flowering. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1.5–4 cm long, 2–8 mm wide, tips blunt to pointed and **mucronate**, bases slightly stem-clasping, both surfaces white-**tomentose**. Flower **heads woolly** at the base, 3–4.5 mm long, 1.5–3 mm in diameter. **Florets** purple to purple-red. **Bracts** tightly surrounding the flower heads chaffy, green to straw-coloured, margins and tips shining. Flower heads forming a leafy cluster. Flowering: mainly October–December.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf&lvl=sp&name=Gamochaeta-calviceps> (accessed 16 April 2021)

Flora of North America description: http://efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=250005993 (accessed 16 April 2021)

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