

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Andres Golzales, Uruguay



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, near Nelligen



Rosette. Photographer antje w, New Zealand

Common name

Cudweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Weed of disturbed ground. Mainly coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual or **biennial** herb to 0.4 m high. Stems with a white **felty tomentum**. Basal leaves in a **rosette**, 2.5–7 cm long, 8–16 mm wide, upper surface green, with a distinctly paler furrowed **midvein**, lower surface white-**tomentose**, tips blunt, bases slightly stem-clasping, margins sometimes wavy. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, similar to the basal leaves, 1–6 cm long. Flower **heads** 2–3 mm in diameter. **Bracts** tightly surrounding the flower heads hairless, green below, pale and chaffy above, purple in between. Flower heads forming a dense **spike**-like cluster. Flowering: mainly Dec.–Jan.

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

Flora North America description: http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=250054376 (accessed 16 April 2021)

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