

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head and leaves. Photographer Jacke Miles, NSW



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Reserve near Nowra



Flowering plant. Photographer Richard Spellenberg, Texas, USA

## Common name

Cudweed

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** and **shrubland**. Coastal. Mainly Sydney area and the ranges inland from Sydney. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to 0.5 m high, or sprawling. Stems **tomentose**. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, 2.5–8 cm long, 4–18 mm wide, upper surface green and almost hairless, lower surface white-tomentose to **woolly**, tips rounded to blunt and **mucronate**. Flower **heads** 1.5–3 mm in diameter, surrounded by and almost obscured by long woolly hairs. Bracts tightly surrounding the flower heads green to straw-coloured, margins and tips shining, woolly at the base. Flower heads in dense or loose **spikes subtended** by 3 or 4 leaflike **bracts**. Flowering: mainly September–October.

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

Flora North America description: [http://efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora\\_id=1&taxon\\_id=242323042](http://efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=242323042) (accessed 16 April 2021)

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