

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves (subsp. *continentalis*).
Photographer Russell Best, Lake Mountain, Vic



Flowering branch (subsp. *flavescens*). Photographer
Jackie Miles, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering branches (subsp. *serrata*). Photographer
Neville Walsh, Jagungal, Vic, © 2021 Royal Botanic
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Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, Yaouk
Fire Trail, Namadji National Park, ACT

Common name

Dusty daisy-bush

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, **woodland**, heath, **shrubland**, and rocky areas. Widespread.

Most records in NSW do not mention subspecies. Of the records that do:

subsp. *continentalis*: Moist to wet **forest**. Widespread but uncommon.

subsp. *flavescens*: Woodland, heath, and shrubland, often in rocky areas, at high altitudes. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and ACT.

subsp. *serrata*: Woodland and heath at high altitudes. Kosciuszko National Park and the western edge of the ACT.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high. Branchlets whitish-grey, sometimes yellowish-grey with a **scurfy stellate tomentum**, later becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, scattered, or crowded, 0.8–12 cm long, 2–17 mm wide, highly variable in size and shape, upper surface grey or green, hairless to moderately stellate-hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), sometimes with stalkless **glands**; lower surface white to grey or yellow, with dense, minute, stellate hairs of equal size, usually with some stalkless glands; **venation** finely **reticulate**, shallowly **impressed**, **secondary veins** often not visible on the lower surface, margins **entire** to deeply lobed. Flower **heads** with 6–30 white '**petals**', and yellow centres. Flower heads 15–25 mm in diameter overall, bell-shaped to hemispherical below the '**petals**'. Flower heads at the ends of short **lateral** shoots, in clusters of 2–8, occasionally single, at or near the ends of the stems.

subsp. *continentalis*: Leaves widest below the middle, 3–12 cm long, 7–17 mm wide. Stalkless glands usually present on the lower leaf surface. Leaf margins usually scalloped. Leaf stalks 2.5–5.5 mm long.

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

subsp. *flavescens*: Leaves widest at or above the middle, 1.6-5.6 cm long, 6–15 mm wide. upper surface often **glandular**. lower surface often yellowish, at least on drying. Leaf margins entire, shallowly wavy, or, rarely, scalloped. Leaf stalks 2–6 mm long.

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subsp. *serrata*: Leaves widest at or above the middle, 0.8–2.25 cm long, 3.3–9 mm wide. Stalkless glands absent. lower surface white. Leaf margins coarsely toothed. Leaf stalks 0.3–2.5 mm long.

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PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Olearia~phlogopappa> (accessed 13 April 2021)

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