

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Blue Mountains

Common name

White dogwood, Rice flower, Pill flower, Sago bush, Wild rosemary, Tick bush

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, heath, and stream banks. Coast, ranges, and tablelands. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 5 m high. Bark fibrous, longitudinally furrowed. Branches densely whitish with short rough hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.6–2 cm long, 1–3 mm wide, tips bent sharply down, margins tightly rolled down, upper surface green and rough, lower surface white- or fawnish-**woolly**. Flower **heads** globular, bell-shaped or oval, 2–3 mm long, 2–3 mm in diameter, with 20–22 **florets**. **Bracts** round the flower heads opaque, white or pink. Flower heads numerous, in dense clusters at the tops of the stems. Flowering: late winter to spring.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?pagen=nswf&lvl=sp&name=Ozothamnus~diosmifolius> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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