Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



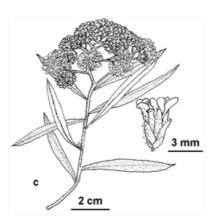
Flower cluster. Photographer Richard Hartland, Aireys Inlet, Vic



Backs of flower clusters and leaves. Photographer Russell Best, Great Otway National Park, Vic



Flow ering stem. Photographer Don Wood, near Mogo south of Batemans Bay



Line drawings. c. flowering branch; flower head. E Beckett, University of Oxford, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Tree everlasting

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, shrubland, roadsides, moist sites, and coastal swamps. Coast, ranges, tablelands, and Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 5 m high. Branches obscurely grooved, **felty**, glistening with **glandular** exudate, sometimes not sticky. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1.5–6.5 cm long, 1–10 mm wide, tips pointed, bases continuing down the stems, margins narrowly curved down and often wavy, upper surface green, shining and hairless or with sparse **scurfy** hairs, lower surface white to creamy-white or grey, felty except on the **midrib**. Flower **heads** cylindrical to narrow top-shaped, becoming bell-shaped, 3–5 mm long, 1–4 mm in diameter, with 4–8 **florets**. 14–18 **bracts appressed** to the flower heads, inner bracts colourless and translucent in the lower half, opaque and white in the upper half, outer bracts golden to brownish or greenish. Flower heads in dense clusters of 80–300 at the tops of the stems. Flowering: summer–autumn.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl? page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ozothamnus~ferrugineus (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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