

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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

## Common name

Cascade everlasting

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, heath, and in the shelter of large boulders, in subalpine or sheltered alpine sites. ACT and Kosciuszko National Park. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 2 m high. Branches **glandular** and with a dense white or grey **tomentum**. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.6–3.5 cm long, 1.5–3.5 mm wide, tips blunt to pointed, margins curved down, upper surface dark grey, sticky and **appressed cobwebby**, lower surface pale grey to white, **woolly**. Flower **heads** bell-shaped to top-shaped, 3.5–5 mm long, 2–6 mm in diameter, with 15–20 **florets**. 15–25 **bracts** appressed to the flower heads, outer bracts dry, membranous, and shiny, golden-brown to dull-yellow, or tinged pale pink, inner bracts white. Flower heads in small rounded to hemispherical clusters of 20–45, about 20–30 mm in diameter, on short **lateral** branches along one side of the tops of the stems. Flowering: summer–autumn.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Osothamnus~secundiflorus> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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