

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Narrabri



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer H Streimann, Warrumbungle Range west of Coonabarabran

Common name

Chamomile Sunray

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, grassy areas, alpine **herbfields**, and rocky areas. Common after fire or disturbance. Western Slopes, Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, tablelands, and ranges. Coastal in the Sydney area, and occasionally farther south.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.4 m high with a woody rootstock. Stems slender and **wiry**, hairless to sparsely hairy, often sticky hairy below the flower **heads**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems to almost opposite each other, often crowded, 0.4-2 cm long, 0.5-2 mm wide, thick, somewhat **glaucous**, conspicuously pitted with sunken **glands**, margins and **midrib** with scattered, stalked **glandular** hairs, tips pointed. Flower heads 20-30 mm in diameter overall, broadly top-shaped to hemispherical below the '**petals**'. Outer '**petals**' pale brown with a purple midrib, dry and membranous, inner '**petals**' 6-10 mm long, papery, white, sometimes with a dark spot at the base. Centres yellow. Flower heads single. Flowering: spring-summer.

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=Rhodanthe~anthemoides> (accessed 25 April 2021)

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