

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Vanities Crossing, ACT



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Bathurst fireweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, roadsides, disturbed sites, and rocky areas. Widespread.

Notes

Annual herb to 1.5 m high, with a single stem, or much-branched from a more or less woody base. Stems sparsely to densely hairy with strongly wavy coarse hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–15 cm long, 5–55 mm wide, lobed, usually with 4–6 **segments** per side, margins more or less toothed, upper leaves sometimes **linear**, surfaces bristly, lower surface sometimes tinged purple, sometimes with a **cobwebby** overlay, bases with well-developed **auricles**. Flower **heads** 3.5–7 mm long, cylindrical or narrow bell-shaped, with 0 **petals**, surrounded by 9–13 **appressed** green **bracts**. **Florets** 20–45, scarcely longer than the flower **head**. Flower heads in clusters usually of about 50–200 flower heads. Flowering: mainly spring and summer.

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&lvl=sp&name=Senecio-bathurstianus> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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