

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest Key, photographer unknown



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, west of Cobargo

## Common name

Commonwealth weed

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland, shrubland**, and moist gullies. Mainly coast and ranges. Occasional elsewhere.

## Notes

**Annual** herb to 1.5 m high. Stems hairless or sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3-15 cm long, 10-60 mm wide, deeply **dissected** with 4-6 **segments** per side, margins toothed to more or less **entire**, and rolled down, surfaces sparsely hairy or becoming hairless, or the lower surface sparsely bristly, bases with well-developed **auricles**. Flower **heads** 5-7 mm long, cylindrical, with 0 **petals**, surrounded by 8-13 **appressed** green **bracts**. **Florets** 15-25, scarcely longer than the flower **head**. Flower heads in many-flowered clusters. Flowering: most of the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Senecio~bideeplydissectedus> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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