

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads. Photographer Russell Best, Wilsons Promontory, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Bournda National Park south of Tathra

Common name

Jagged Fireweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, shubland, **grassland**, and swampy areas. Widespread. No records from the Western Slopes.

Notes

Annual, sometimes **rhizomatous perennial**, herb to 1.6 m high. Stems more or less hairless, sometimes sparsely to moderately bristly near the base. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–15 cm long, 25–50 mm wide, surfaces hairless or sparsely hairy or bristly; lower surface sometimes purple, margins toothed, sometimes with small teeth along the teeth, sometimes deeply lobed with 3–5 triangular or oblong projections per side, bases with well-developed **auricles**, upper leaves more or less stem-clasping. Flower **heads** 4.5–7.5 mm long, cylindrical, with 0 **petals**, surrounded by mostly 7–10 **appressed** green **bracts**. **Florets** 12–25, 1–2 mm longer than the flower **head**. Flower heads in many-flowered clusters, to 100s per stem. Flowering: spring–autumn.

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

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