

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Bredbo



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Namadji National Park, ACT



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Booderee National Park, Jervis Bay Territory

## Common name

Erect Groundsel

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, rocky areas, near swamps and rivers, and other moist sites. Widespread.

## Notes

**Annual** or **perennial** herb to 1.5 m high. Stems hairless or sparsely rough hairy near the base. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5-18 cm long, 4-50 mm wide, hairless or nearly so, margins usually with 3-8 triangular lobes per side, irregularly **dissected**, toothed, or **entire**, bases with small to moderate **auricles** on the leaves above the mid-stem. Flower **heads** cylindrical, 4.5-6.5 mm long, with 0 **petals**, surrounded by 7-11 **appressed** green **bracts**. **Florets** 8-25, about 2mm longer than the flower **head**. Flower heads often in 50-200 flowered clusters. Flowering: mainly summer-autumn.

A feature of this species is the precociously developed leafy growth at the bases of the leaves.

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

Rare Vic.

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

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