

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Cobungra, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Richard Hartland, Cobungra, Vic



Leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Cobungra, Vic

Common name

Subalpine Fireweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Subalpine **shrubland**, grasslands, and **herbfields**. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and the ACT.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.6 m high, sprouting annually from a short **rhizome**. Stems sparsely to moderately **appressed cottony** hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5–12 cm long, 5–18 mm wide, rough with minute projections, usually sparsely **cobwebby** when young, finally hairless or nearly so, undivided or the margins coarsely toothed to deeply lobed with 3–5 triangular or oblong teeth per side; leaf bases becoming mildly **auriculate** above the mid-stem. Flower **heads** cylindrical, 5–7 mm long, with 0 **petals**, surrounded by 11–14 appressed green **bracts**. **Florets** about 20–45, scarcely longer than the flower **head**. Flower heads in clusters of 5–90. Flowering: summer–autumn.

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

Rare Vic.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/00e9c45b-5931-4f55-91f6-b4db6f5347ce> (accessed 28 January 2021)

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