

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

A groundsel

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Woodland, shrubland, grassland, and **herbfields**, mostly above 1000 m, sometimes lowland. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and tablelands and western edge of the ranges east of the ACT.

Notes

Herb to 0.6 m high. Stems densely rough hairy, sometimes with a **cottony** overlay, the density becoming smaller in size upwards, predominantly **appressed-cobwebby** near the top. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, midstem leaves 7-15 cm long, with a length:width ratio of about 5-8, upper surface bristly, with hairs rather long; lower surface hairless except for the bristly **midrib**, not purple, margins **entire** to toothed or lobed with 3-6 triangular projections per side. Uppermost leaves narrower. Flower **heads** 5-8 mm long, 2.8-3.5 mm in diameter, with 40-60 **florets**, 0 **petals**, surrounded by 12-18 appressed green **bracts**. Flower heads in several to many-flowered clusters, often 20-60. Flowers summer.

Flora of Australia description: <https://profiles.ala.org.au/opus/foa/profile/Senecio%20longipilus> (accessed 28 January 2021)

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