

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Russell Best, Brisbane Ranges, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Russell Best, Brisbane Ranges, Vic



Leaves at base of plant. Photographer Neil Blair, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Board

Common name

Rock fireweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and heath, often on rocky sites. Western Slopes, Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and tablelands. Western edge of the ranges north from the Blue Mountains.

Notes

Perennial herb to 1.5 m high. Stems sparsely to moderately **appressed cottony** hairy, reducing in density up the stems, becoming almost hairless at the top. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, upper surface coarse-hairy or more or less hairless; lower surface commonly purple, usually somewhat **cobwebby**. Midstem leaves 3-17 cm long, to 25 mm wide, **entire** or coarsely toothed to lobed with 1-3 projections per side; bases narrowing gradually, or with pointed lobes. Upper leaves very narrow. Flower **heads** 6-7.5 mm long, narrowly cylindrical, with 26-45 **florets**, 0 **petals**, surrounded by 12-14 appressed **bracts**. Flower heads typically in 20-100 flowered clusters. Flowers mostly spring-autumn.

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

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/70495779-594d-4205-ab57-d054d539ab40> (accessed 29 January 2021)

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