

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads. Photographer Jackie Mles



Leafy stem Photographer Jackie Mles



Flowering plant. Photographer Jackie Mles



Line drawings. d. flowering branch; flower head; seed. T Brosch, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

African Daisy

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

A weed of **forest** margins, grasslands, pastures, roadsides, disturbed sites, and waste areas. Coast and the eastern edge of the ranges north from the Sydney area.

Notes

Introduced shrub or **perennial** herb to 1.5 m high, occasionally to 3 m. Stems ribbed longitudinally (the lower parts of the stems developing distinctive toothed '**wings**' extending down from the bases of the lance **head** shaped leaves), **cobwebby** or finely **woolly** to more or less hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5–12 cm long, 3–25 mm wide, upper surface green and rough, lower surface whitish and cobwebby, margins coarsely toothed to **entire**. Flower **heads** 12–15 mm in diameter overall, with 8–13 yellow **petals**, and yellow centres with 40–95 **florets**. Flower heads broadly bell-shaped below the '**petals**', surrounded by 18–22 **appressed bracts**. Flower heads in several to many-flowered clusters. Flowering: late spring–autumn.

Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Senecio-pterophorus> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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