

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer AN Schmidt-Lebuhn, Koorawatha Nature Reserve south of Cowra



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## Common name

A fireweed

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

**Woodland, shrubland, grassland**, and cleared land. Mainly Sydney area. One record from south of Cowra. Mostly north and west of the area covered by this key.

## Notes

Herb to 0.4 m high. Stems sparsely to moderately **cottony** hairy, sometimes becoming almost hairless near the top. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, midstem leaves few, 5–10 cm long, with a length:width ratio of about 6–15, both surfaces usually sparsely bristly, becoming **cobwebby** or more or less hairless, margins occasionally coarsely toothed to lobed with 1–3 triangular lobes per side. Uppermost leaves narrow, with a length:width ratio of about 10–40. Flower **heads** 6–8 mm long, 2–2.5 mm in diameter, with 50–80 **florets**, 0 **petals**, surrounded by 12–18 **appressed bracts**. Flower heads in clusters of several to many flower heads, typically 10–50 per stem. Flowers most of the year, more so in spring–summer.

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

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