

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Miles, Mbruya Heads



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles

## Common name

Canary creeper

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Native bushland, moist gullies, and along streams. Coastal north of Bermagui.

## Notes

**Introduced scrambling** or climbing **perennial** herb to 10 m high. Stems fleshy. Leaves more or less fleshy. Stems hairless, young stems often purplish. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4–7 cm long, 40–70 mm wide, hairless, margins lobed with 1–3 lobes per side, or coarsely toothed. Flower **heads** with 3–6 yellow '**petals**' each about 10 mm long, and yellow centres with 10–15 **florets**. Flower heads cylindrical below the '**petals**', about 3 mm in diameter, surrounded by 5–8 green **appressed bracts**. Flower heads in several- to many-flowered clusters. Flowering: winter.

Seeds easily dispersal by wind. Pieces of its fleshy stems often sprout from dumped garden waste.

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

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