

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leafy stems. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, ACT



Back of flower. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, ACT



Plants. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, ACT



Leafy stems. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, ACT



Line drawings (as *Aster novi-belgii*): plant; flower head. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board,

## Common name

Michaelmas Daisy

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Roadsides, gardens, near habitation, gullies, and moist to swampy sites. Widespread but not common.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 1.4 m high, **rhizomatous**. Stems hairless or in narrow lines. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–15

cm long, 3–20 mm wide; surfaces hairless or slightly hairy or bristly in lines, margins **entire** to slightly toothed, rough, bases narrowly stem-clasping. Basal parts of the plants soon leafless. Flower **heads** with few to many pale to deep mauve, purple, or bluish '**petals**' each 6–15 mm long and a yellow to orange centre, 5–7 mm in diameter, with few to many **florets**. Flower heads behind the '**petals**' hemispherical to bell-shaped. Flower heads in narrow leafy branched clusters. Flowers summer-autumn.

*Aster novi-belgii* in PlantNET.

PlantNET description (as *Aster novi-belgii*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Aster~novi-belgii> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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