

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



Seeding stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



Leafy stem Photographer Jackie Mles



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Line drawings (as *Aster subulatus*). plant; leaf base detail; flower head. MIMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria. ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Wild aster, Bushy starwort, Aster-weed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Roadsides, grassy areas, along streams, and damp areas. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced annual, biennial or short-lived **perennial** herb to 1.8 m tall. Stems hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, initially more or less in a basal **rosette**, 1-15 cm long, 2-16 mm wide, hairless, margins **entire** to toothed, bases often stem-clasping. Flower

heads with about 25 white, pink, blue, or pale mauve '**petals**' each 3-5 mm long and a yellow centre 2-4 mm in diameter. Flower heads behind the '**petals**' cylindrical. Flower heads in large open branched clusters. Flowers all year.

Aster subulatus in PlantNET (3 May 2021).

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

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