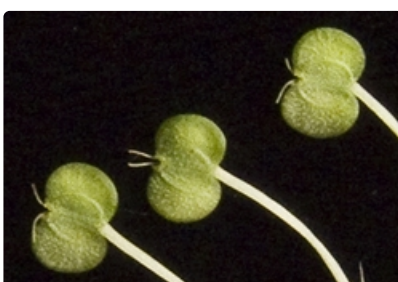# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Umbel (var. *composita*). Photographer Linda Richmond, near Frankston, Vic

Flowering plant (var. *composita*). Photographer Don Wood, Namadgi National Park, ACT
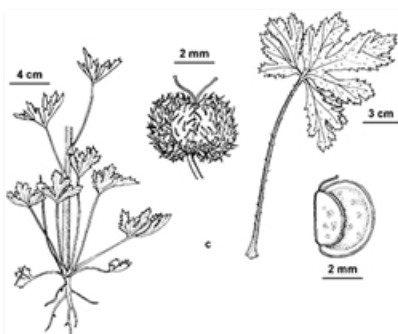

Flowering plant (var. *composita*). Photographer Don Wood, Pambula Beach

'Seeds' (var. *composita*). Photographer Don Wood, Pambula Beach

'Seeds' (var. *robertsonii*). Photographer Don Wood, Ben Boyd National Park, north of Eden

Line drawings. c. plant; leaf; 'seeds' of var. *robertsonii* centre; 'seed' of var. *composita* at right. K Maling, University of Sydney, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne Vic

Common name

A trachymene

Family

Araliaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, grassy areas, disturbed areas, rocky sites, and moist and swampy areas. Widespread but not the Western Slopes. Sporadic.

(var. *composita*) Coast and ranges south of Wollongong. Tinderry Range east of the ACT, ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park.

(var. *robertsonii*) Coastal south from Merimbula.

Notes

Annual or **biennial** herb to 3.5 m high. Stems sticky hairy to almost hairless. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, 3–8 cm long, 40–150 mm wide, sparsely hairy to hairy, paler on the undersurface, deeply 3–5 lobed, margins toothed. Flowers with 5 white **petals** 1.5–2.5 mm long, in about 100–200 flowered **umbels** 20-45 mm in diameter. Flowers Oct.–Apr.

Was *Trachymene anisocarpa*.

Family was Apiaceae.

PlantNET description of species: **http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl? page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Trachymene~composita** (accessed 5 April 2021)

Var. *composita*: Hairless **ovaries**. 'Seeds' smooth or warty.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Var. *robertsonii*: Very hairy ovaries. 'Seeds' very hairy.

Vulnerable Vic.

 VICFLORA description of species and key to varieties: **https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/acc75962-5bea-4e2a-a199-0e8a6b50ea17** (accessed 5 April 2021)

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