

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head and spent flower. Photographer Don Wood, Aranda Bushland, Canberra, ACT



Flower head. Photographer Frantisek Sarzik, Slovakia



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park

Common name

Goatsbeard

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Roadsides, wasteland, plantations, and rocky areas. Mainly Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and the tablelands south from east of the ACT. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual or **biennial** herb to 1 m high. Basal leaves to 50 cm long, about 10 mm wide, grass-like, **linear**, half-sheathing at base, tips pointed. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, tips pointed, bases stem-clasping, the lower stem leaves the same size as the basal leaves, upper leaves to 10 cm long. Flower **heads** with many yellow '**petals**' each about 15–30 mm long, about half as long as the **bracts**. Flower heads about 6–12 mm in diameter below the '**petals**'. About 8–12 bracts **appressed** to and surrounding the flower heads, each about 30–60 mm long. Flower heads open only for a short time in the morning. Flowering: Nov.–Apr.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tragopogon~dubius> (accessed 23 March, 2021)

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