

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Reserve near Nowra



Leaves. Photographer John Tann, Sydney



Painting from *The Flowering Plants and Ferns of New South Wales - Part 1* (1895) by J.H. Maiden. NSW Government Printing Office.

Common name

Flannel flower

Family

Apiaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, **shrubland**, and rocky sites. Coastal. Ranges north from west of Milton. Tablelands and Western Slopes north of the Hume Highway.

Notes

Annual or **perennial** herb to 1.5 m tall. Stems hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, to 5 cm long and 50 mm wide, **compound**, with 3 deeply divided leaflets, surfaces usually grey-green, hairy. Flowers in headlike clusters of tiny flowers, surrounded by 10-20 white to cream, sometimes tipped green, **bracts** ('petals'), the whole flower **head** 20-80 mm in diameter. Individual flowers white to creamish, with 0 **petals**. Outer flowers in the head male, inner flowers bisexual. Flowers all year, mainly Spring.

Protected NSW.

Introduced to Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Actinotus-helianthi> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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