

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer JMDTomaso, California, USA



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Common name

Perennial Ragweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Pastures, roadsides, wasteland, and along streams. Sydney area to Gosford.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 2 m high, **stoloniferous**, often forming dense colonies. Stems grooved, hairy to rough, woody at the base. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, aromatic when rubbed, mostly 4–12 cm long, 20–40 mm wide, rough to hairy, divided into several pointed lobes. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Male **heads** cream to greenish yellow or greenish, small, hemispherical, 2–3 mm in diameter, in branching **spike**-like flower clusters. Female heads with 1 tiny **floret**, in clusters of 2–7 flower heads. Flowering: spring–summer.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ambrosia-psilostachya> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

The description above partly based on the description in Weeds in Australia http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/biodiversity/invasive/weeds/weeddetails.pl?taxon_id=7772 (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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