

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, near Parrbula Lake



Seeding heads. Photographer Alex Kirk, Canberra, ACT



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Gooyoyaroo National Park, ACT



Carpet. Warrboin NSW, near Canberra

Common name

Capeweed; Cape dandelion

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Woodland, grassy areas, disturbed sites, and roadsides. Widespread. Sporadic on the coast and ranges.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 0.3 m tall, **prostrate** or sprawling. Stems fleshy, hairy. Leaves mostly basal, 5-25 cm long, 20-60 mm wide, green and rough to hairy above, silvery with white **cobwebby** to **woolly** hairs below, margins deeply **dissected** and toothed, tips blunt. Flower **heads** 20-60 mm in diameter overall, with 15-20 '**petals**', yellow above, green or purplish below, and dark brown or purplish to black centres. Flower heads behind the '**petals**' hemispherical. Flowers Winter to Spring. Seeds enveloped in pinky purple to brown wool.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Arctotheca-calendula> (accessed 18 October 2020)

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