

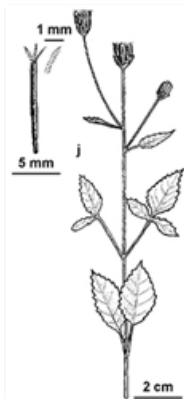
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



(var. *minor*) Flowering and seeding plant.
Photographer Don Wood, Narooma



(var. *pilosa*) Flower heads and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, west of Bega



Line drawings. j. flowering branch; seed; detail of awn. Elspeth Beckett, University of Oxford., © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Cobblers Pegs, Pitch-forks

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassy areas, disturbed areas, gardens, and along streams. Widespread. ACT (var. *pilosa*). No records from Kosciuszko National Park. Rare on the Western Slopes.

Notes

Introduced woody **annual** or **perennial** herb to 1 m or more high. 'Seeds' with barbs on the **awns** and the body, sticking to clothing. Stems hairless to densely hairy. Leaves opposite each other, **compound** to deeply lobed, with 3 or 5 leaflets/lobes, each 6–12 cm long, 40–80 mm wide, margins toothed. Flower **heads** oval, 5–15 mm in diameter. '**Petals**', when present, white. Flowering: throughout the year, but chiefly summer–autumn.

Var. minor. 'Petals' present, 2-8 mm long..

Var. pilosa. 'Petals' absent.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Bidens~pilosa> (accessed 15 April 2021)

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