Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name
Purple burr-daisy, Lachlan calotis, Blue burr-daisy

Family
Asteraceae

Where found

Notes
Perennial herb to 0.6 m tall or sprawling to prostrate, more or less woody at the base. ‘Seeds’ with 2-4 spines, barbed at the tips, forming burrs composed of several seeds. ‘Seeds’ stick to clothing. Stems covered with stiff hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves at the base of the plant soon withering. Stem leaves alternating up the stems, 0.6-4 cm long, 3-20 mm wide, sparsely hairy, usually with 3-11 teeth or pointed lobes near or at the tips, bases usually with broad auriculate lobes, sometimes stem-clasping. Flower heads 6-20 mm in diameter, with 25–55 blue to mauve, purple, or white ‘petals’ 3-9 mm long, and yellow centres. Flowers throughout the year, mainly Spring.

Definite identification of all species of Calotis is made by examining the seeds.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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