

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



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## Common name

Common sneezeweed

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Damp sites and along streams, usually subject to flooding. Western Slopes, tablelands, and the ACT. Occasionally coast and ranges.

## Notes

Upright **perennial** herb to 0.3 m tall. Occasionally **annual** in adverse conditions. Stems hairless, rarely **woolly**. Does not produce roots from **prostrate** stems (if they are present). Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.6-3 cm long, 2.5-7 mm wide, hairy, becoming hairless, sometimes resin dotted, margins toothed to almost **entire**. Flower **heads** 4-8 mm in diameter, with many **florets**, biconvex, or hemispherical (convex above), to almost globular, stalkless, usually single. 'Seeds' 1.2-2 mm long, with 4 prominent ribs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see), and without bristles. Flowers mostly Spring to Autumn.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Centipeda~cunninghamii> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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