

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens north of Moruya



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Common name

Yellow buttons, Common everlasting

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, disturbed sites, and roadsides. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.6m tall. Stems hairy, often somewhat sticky. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1-6 cm long, 1-25 mm wide, hairy, margins flat or curved down, tips pointed or rounded, often with a tiny point. Flower **heads** 5-8 mm long, 4-15 mm in diameter, bell-shaped to top-shaped, with many small papery '**petals**', yellow, slightly to strongly tinged brown, rarely white tinged pink, in compact clusters of 2 to 10 or more flower heads. Flowers most of the year, mainly Spring.

subsp. apiculatum: Stems lacking glandular hairs. Stems and leaves **cobwebby**. Leaves **linear** to narrow

subsp. argenteum: Stems lacking glandular hairs, **silky** with strongly **appressed** silvery hairs. Leaves linear to narrowly oblong or narrowly oval, densely silky all over, margins **entire** and flat. Flower heads in a compact cluster.

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subsp. caespitosum: Stems lacking glandular hairs, silky with strongly appressed silvery hairs. Leaves threadlike to linear, silky, becoming hairless with age. Flower heads single or in a compact spherical cluster.

subsp. congestum: Stems lacking glandular hairs, silky with strongly appressed silvery hairs. Leaves linear to narrowly oblong or narrowly oval, with **cottony** hairs. Mid-stem leaves entire, flat. Flower heads congested.

subsp. filiformis: Stems lacking glandular hairs, silky with strongly appressed silvery hairs. Leaves threadlike to linear, with silky hairs. Flower heads 1-5 in compact **terminal** clusters.

subsp. glandulosum: Stems moderately to densely **tomentose** with glandular and non-glandular hairs and stalkless **glands**.

Leaves linear to oblong-oval, tomentose with glandular and non-glandular hairs and stalkless glands, margins flat or curved down, sometimes wavy..

subsp. *gracile*: Stems lacking **glandular** hairs, silky with strongly appressed silvery hairs. Leaves linear to narrowly oblong or narrowly oval, with cottony hairs. Mid-stem leaves with margins curved down and somewhat wavy. Flower heads in small clusters.

subsp. *orarium*: Stems lacking glandular hairs, cottony. Leaves cobwebbed, cottony or silky.

subsp. *variabile*: Stems variably glandular Leaves narrowly oblong, with stalkless and glandular stalked hairs; tips pointed.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Chrysocephalum-apiculatum>
(accessed 30 April 2021)

PlantNET has not yet included descriptions of the subspecies. Descriptions above derived from the key to subspecies in VICFLORA: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/key/6642> (accessed 30 April 2021)

Description of subsp. *argenteum* in Wilson, Paul G. (2016), A taxonomic treatment of *Chrysocephalum apiculatum* and *with semipapposum* (Asteraceae: Gnaphalieae). *Nuytsia* 27: 51-52

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