

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, east of Cooma



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Cocoparra National Park, near Griffith

Common name

Clustered everlasting, Yellow buttons

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, and rocky sites. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb or subshrub to 0.6 m tall. Stems **woolly** to hairy, becoming hairless, sometimes somewhat sticky. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 0.2-5 cm long, 0.5-4 mm wide, tips pointed or with a small abrupt point, margins flat or more or less curved down, surfaces woolly to hairy, becoming hairless, sometimes somewhat sticky, the hairs often slightly denser on the lower surface. **Linear** or oblong **axillary** leaves, commonly less than 1 cm long, occur on late season **secondary** growth, smaller than on earlier season leaves, giving the plants a distinctively appearance of plants with two types of leaves, at least in the ACT. Flower **heads** 5-7 mm long, 3-7 mm in diameter, hemispherical or bell shaped to top shaped, with many small yellow or brownish '**petals**', and yellow centres, in compact clusters, rarely single. Flowers most of the year, mostly Spring to Summer.

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

subsp. asperum: Stems and leaves covered in **glandular** hairs or sticky-rough, often with **cottony** hairs to some degree. Flower clusters usually dense and many-headed.

subsp. brevifolium: Stems and leaves (at least in upper part of the plant) sticky, almost hairless. Flower clusters usually rather loose, commonly 1-few-headed.

subsp. lineare: Stems and leaves covered by cottony hairs, not obviously glandular.

subsp. semipapposum: Stems and leaves covered by **silky** hairs which are sometimes gummed by a sticky exudate.

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

PlantNET has not yet included descriptions of the subspecies.

VICFLORA descriptions: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/key/6922> (accessed 30 April 2021)

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