

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Cairns and Kuranda, Qld



Flowering and seeding stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer unknown, Australian Tropical Rainforest key

## Common name

Thickhead

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Weed of disturbed sites, cultivation, and waste places. Coast and ranges north of Wollongong.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to 1 m high. Stems sparsely hairy, prominently ribbed. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, to 20 cm long, to 100 mm wide; bases often with a pair of **stipule**-like lobes, margins coarsely toothed. Upper leaves smaller, not lobed or with a lobe on each side towards the base. Flower **heads** about 4 mm in diameter, in loose few to many-flowered clusters, nodding at first, later **erect**. Flower heads mostly with long stalks, sometimes 2-3 in a cluster. Bracts surrounding the flower heads to 8-12 mm long. **Florets** orange, brownish, or reddish, slightly exceeding the **bracts**. Flowering: summer to autumn.

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

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