

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Perth, WA



Back of flower head. Photographer Richard Spellenberg, Africa



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Flowering plant. Photographer Richard Spellenberg, Africa

Common name

Cape daisy

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Coastal, especially the Sydney area. ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced herbaceous shrub to 1 m high, becoming woody with age. Stems sticky hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, the lower leaves 5–8 cm long, 10–20 mm wide, upper leaves decreasing in size to 2–3 cm long, 3–5 mm wide. Leaves slightly fleshy, margins **entire** to coarsely toothed, bases more or less stem claspings, tips pointed. Flower **heads** with 12–21 '**petals**' 15–30 mm long, white to bright pink, blue or pink to violet on lower surface. Flower centres blue to dark, 15–20 mm wide. Flower heads single or in loose clusters. Flowering: Apr.–Dec.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Dimorphotheca-ecklonis> (accessed 10 February 2021)

SANBI description: <http://pza.sanbi.org/dimorphotheca-ecklonis> (accessed 10 February 2021)

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