

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Russell Best, Baw Baw National Park, Vic



Plants. Photographer David Francis, east of Euroa

Common name

Cliff Cudweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Herbfields, rock crevices, and shaded cliff faces. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.15 m high, **stoloniferous**, sometimes mat-forming. Stems **woolly**. Basal leaves in a **rosette**, 1–6 cm long, 5–18 mm wide, upper surface grey with **appressed** white hairs or green and almost hairless, lower surface with a white-**tomentum**, **blades** with long expanded stalks. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, similar but smaller. Outer **florets** purple, inner florets purple or colourless. Flower **heads** 1.5–2.5 mm in diameter, about 4.5 mm long, in a dense globular cluster of about 7 flower heads, surrounded by several conspicuous leafy **bracts**. Flower heads at the tops of the stems. Smaller clusters occasionally at the base of the upper leaves. Flowering: Dec.–Mar.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Euchiton~umbricola> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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