

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

Cudweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Weed. North from south of Campbelltown.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 0.4 m high. Stems hairy, the hairs interlacing. Basal leaves in a **rosette**, usually withering before flowering. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems. Leaves 2–4 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, tips blunt to pointed and **mucronate**, bases slightly stem-clasping, both surfaces white-**tomentose**. Flower **heads** 2.5–3 mm long, bell-shaped, slightly **cobwebby** at the base. **Florets** 3–5 per flower **head**, usually purple at the top. Bracts tightly surrounding the flower heads with tips sometimes purplish-tinged, inner **bracts** usually purple, with whitish tips, tinged with brown. Flower heads initially in uninterrupted, cylindrical **spikes** mostly 3–4 cm long, 8–12 mm wide, usually becoming interrupted in late flowering; with leaflike bracts throughout the flowering time.

PlantNET description with photos of dried plants: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Gamochoeta~antillana> (accessed 18 January 2021)

Flora of North America description: http://efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=250066791 (accessed 18 January 2021)

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