

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Ox-tongue

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Roadsides, gardens, and wasteland. Sydney and Canberra. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual to **perennial** herb to 1 m high, bristly with short star-shaped hooked rigid hairs. Stems thick, furrowed. Basal leaves 3.5–35 cm long, 10–100 mm wide, tips blunt to pointed, bases narrowed into **winged** stalks, margins wavy to toothed; lower stem leaves similar but the bases somewhat stem clasping; upper stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, bases stem clasping. Flower **heads** with many yellow '**petals**', sometimes with a red stripe on the back. '**Petals**' 12–17 mm long. Flower heads in loose branched clusters, appearing single. Flowers most of the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Helminthotheca~echioides> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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