

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Ben Boyd National Park south of Eden



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. f. flowering branch; flower head. E Beckett, University of Oxford, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

## Common name

Spicy Everlasting

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

**Forest** and **woodland**. Coast, ranges, and tablelands, south from the Wollongong area and the Southern Highlands.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m high. Branchlets densely white **cottony**. Leaves smell musky or spicy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2.2–8 cm long, 3.5–12 mm wide, upper surface green and sticky, lower surface white-**felty** and glistening with droplets of **glandular** exudate, **midvein** and the margins hairless, margins flat or more or less curved down, tips somewhat pointed. Flower **heads** narrow-bell-shaped to top-shaped, 3.5–5 mm long, 1.5–3 mm in diameter. **Florets** 7–21, white. 19–28 **bracts appressed** to the flower heads, outer bracts leathery, golden, often red to pink in bud, inner bracts opaque white. Flower heads in dense clusters of 30–200, at the tops of the stems. Flowering: spring–summer.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ozothamnus-argophyllus> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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