

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering branches. Photographer Maree Goods, Mt Buffalo, Vic



Line drawings. (as *Ozothamnus* sp. 1). e. flowering branch; flower head; leaf. E Beckett, University of Oxford, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Kerosene Bush, Scaly Everlasting

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Woodland, heath, **grassland**, along streams, and boggy sites, at high altitude. Kosciuszko National Park and the ACT.

Notes

Shrub to about 1.2 m high. Branches white-hairy, sometimes sticky, the surface of the branchlets hidden by the closely **appressed** leaves. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, crowded, scale-like, 0.1–0.38 cm long, 0.5–1.7 mm wide, upper surface green and sticky, lower surface **white-tomentose**, tips rounded, margins strongly rolled down and more or less concealing the lower surface. Flower **heads** cylindrical, 3.5–5 mm long, 1–2 mm in diameter, **Florets** 2–6. 15–22 **bracts** appressed to the flower heads, outer bracts thin and dry, yellow-green or straw-coloured, inner bracts white. Flower heads in dense hemispherical to almost spherical clusters of 3–35 heads at the tops of the stems. Flowering: summer–autumn. Highly inflammable, but after burning usually recovers more densely than before.

Separated from *Ozothamnus hookeri*, which now only occurs in Tas.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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