

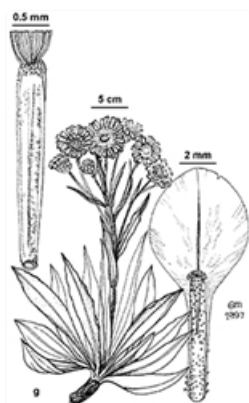
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads. Photographer Neil Blair, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



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Common name

Mountain lettuce, Alpine podolepis, Cattleman's lettuce

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Grassland, **herbfields**, and heath. Above the treeline, or below the treeline where associated with cold air drainage hollows. Altitude about 1,200-1,920 m.. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and ACT.

Grassy **woodland** in drainage depressions, and in disturbed sites in rocky areas. Western edge of the ranges south east of Cooma.

Where *Podolepis laciniata* and *Podolepis robusta* occur near each other, it is usually at higher altitudes than *Podolepis laciniata*

Notes

Perennial herb to 1 m high, with multiple shoots arising from the basal **rosette**. Stems **cobwebby-cottony** to **woolly**. Basal leaves 4–20 cm long, 15–50 mm wide, hairless, light to bright green, rarely moderately to densely white-woolly, tips blunt to broadly pointed. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, becoming progressively smaller up the stems, woolly, tips pointed. Strongly wavy hairs absent from the leaf surfaces. Flower **heads** with yellow to orange 30–40 '**petals**' 9–13 mm long, tips with 3–5 teeth each to 2 mm long; and yellow centres with many **florets**. Flower heads 25–40 mm in diameter, in narrow to loose clusters of 3–11.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf1&lvl=sp&name=Podolepis~robusta> (accessed 1 April 2021)

Description partly based on Froud, D. (2015), Description of a new species allied to *Podolepis robusta* (Asteraceae: Gnaphalieae) from the south-eastern Australian Alps. *Muelleria* 33: 63-65, Figs 1b, 3

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