

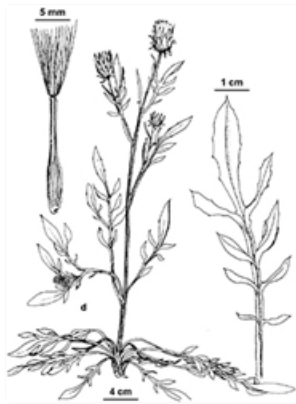
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head. Photographer Richard Spellenberg, New Trinidad



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Line drawings (var. *calcitrapifolia*). d. plant; seed; leaf. E Beckett, E., University of Oxford, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



Line drawing (var. *laciniata*). e. leaf. E Beckett, E., University of Oxford, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Scorzoneria

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Pastures, roadsides, and disturbed sites. Western Slopes and tablelands. Rarely elsewhere.

Nearly all records are of var. *calcitrapifolia*. One record of var. *laciniata* east of West Wyalong, and another near Bungarby, south of Cooma.

Notes

Introduced biennial herb to 0.7 m tall, with a large taproot. Hairless to hairy. Stems hollow, **striate**. Basal leaves in a **rosette**, 3-20 cm long, 5-80 mm wide, hairy or hairless to **glaucous**, margins **dissected**, sometimes **entire**, tips sometimes with a **mucro**. Stem leaves mostly **linear**, to 10 cm long, margins entire to deeply dissected. Flower **heads** with many yellow '**petals**' each 8-12 mm long. Flower heads below the '**petals**' cylindrical, 4-40 mm long, about 2-7 mm in diameter. Flower heads single or in few flowered loose clusters at the tops of the stems.

var. calcitrapifolia: Leaves broader than linear. Dissected leaves with pointed **segments** much broader than linear, the **terminal** lobe much larger than the **lateral** lobes.

var. laciniata: Leaves linear. Dissected leaves, if present, with more or less linear segments, the terminal lobe similar in size to the lateral lobes.

PlantNET description with line drawings and photos of dried specimens: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Scorzonera-laciniata> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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