

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



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Common name

Distal-lobed Fireweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest usually at altitudes over 800 m. Mainly ACT, the mountains to the west, Kosciuszko National Park, near Burrinjuck Reservoir, and the western edge of the ranges east and south of Cooma. Occasionally farther north.

Notes

Annual or **perennial** herb to 1.5 m high. Stems moderately bristly, or nearly hairless throughout. Leaves **alternating** up the stems. Leaves in the middle third of the stem 6-12 cm long, about 10-45 mm wide, lobed to **dissected**, surfaces hairy with coarse hairs, occasionally becoming hairless; lower surface sometimes with a **cobwebby** overlay, mid-stem leaves narrowing gradually at the base; upper leaves usually **auriculate**. Uppermost leaves narrower, widest at the base. Flower **heads** cylindrical, 5-7 mm long, with 0 **petals**, surrounded by 7-13 **appressed** green **bracts**. **Florets** 12-20. Flower heads in about 50-100 flowered clusters. Flowering: summer-autumn.

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

Rare Vic.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/cb2d1ee1-449d-4efe-9084-4312699daf65> (accessed 28 January 2021)

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