

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads. Photographer Jackie Mles



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



Flowering plants. Photographer Jackie Mles

Common name

A fireweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Woodland, grassland, and swampy flats, at altitudes over 900 m. Kosciuszko National Park. ACT and Brindabella National Park nearby. Western edge of the ranges east and south of Cooma. One record from Kanangra-Boyd National Park.

Notes

Annual herb to 1 m high. Stems sparsely **appressed cottony** hairy to hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mid-stem leaves 6-12 cm long, to 15 mm wide, upper surface more or less hairless or sparsely appressed-cottony; lower surface more or less hairless, margins **entire** or coarsely toothed or lobed, with 4-8 triangular projections per side. Upper leaves narrower. Flower **heads** cylindrical, 5-6.5 mm long, with 25-50 **florets**, 0 **petals**, surrounded by mostly 11-14 appressed green **bracts**. Flower heads in usually 8-60 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/98ee16bf-ee0f-4e82-87e7-3b1aa6423056> (accessed 28 January 2021)

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