

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Spent flowering stems. Photographer Ian McCann, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



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## Common name

Large-headed Groundsel

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, **grassland**, and sedgeland. Tablelands east and north of the ACT.

## Notes

**Shrub** or herb to about 0.7 m high or sprawling, arising from a **perennial** rootstock, sparsely to moderately greyish-**cobwebby** below, becoming hairless above. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4–15 cm long, 2–10 mm wide, upper surface sometimes covered with minute bristles as well as cobwebby; lower surface usually more densely cobwebby than the upper surface, margins **entire** to distantly and minutely toothed, rarely prominently toothed, occasionally lobed with 1 or 2 triangular lobes per side. Flower **heads** 7–18 mm long, plumply cylindrical, with 50–150 **florets**, 0 **petals**, surrounded by 13–33 **appressed bracts**. Flower heads usually in clusters of about 2–10. Flowers mostly winter–spring.

Vulnerable Australia. Endangered Vic. Listed in the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act Vic.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/08d8c8b5-5723-4d2b-9d60-5a81c0398a43> (accessed 29 January 2021)

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