

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Sue Guymar, East Melbourne



Flowering and seeding plant. Photographer Don Wood, Buckenbowra State Forest, west of Batemans Bay

## Common name

A groundsel

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, moist disturbed sites, and near streams and swamps. Widespread.

## Notes

**Annual** herb to 2 m tall. Stems sparsely hairy or to hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mostly 5-25 cm long, 10-40 mm wide, hairy to hairless or slightly rough, toothed. Mid-stem leaves with pointed basal lobes, usually stem-clasping. Uppermost leaves occasionally **linear**. Flower **heads** 4-6.5 mm long, cylindrical, with 12-25 yellow **florets**, 0 **petals**, surrounded by 7-10 **appressed** green **bracts**. Flower heads in loose clusters of about 100-400 flower heads. Flowers all year.

Hybridisation between *Senecio minimus* and either subspecies of *Senecio glomeratus* is likely.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Senecio~minimus> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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