

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Roger Farrow, Mt Clear, Narradji National Park

Common name

Black-tip fireweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest and **woodland**. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and ACT.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.8 m high, **rhizomatous**. Stems in the lower third bristly, becoming **appressed-cottony** or hairless higher up. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, midstem leaves 7-10 cm long, 5-15 mm wide, with 3-5 triangular lobes per side, margins with scattered teeth, bases of the upper-stem leaves with small **auricles**. Uppermost leaves narrow and appearing **entire** due to rolled margins. Flower **heads** 6-8 mm long, cylindrical or narrowly bell-shaped, with 40-60 **florets**, 0 **petals**, surrounded by mostly 12-14 appressed **bracts**. Flower heads in many-flowered clusters, often with 30-100 flower heads per stem. Flowers 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/47cc7891-3018-4753-a501-124dd96f1d63> (accessed 29 January 2021)

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