

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Mt Hotham, Vic



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## Common name

Alpine groundsel

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Alpine and subalpine **shrubland** and **feldmark**, heath, **herbfields** and **grassland**, commonly near streams or seepage areas. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and the western edge of the ACT.

## Notes

**Rhizomatous perennial** herb to 0.5 m high. Basal leaves slightly fleshy. Flowering stems hairless or with short more or less **appressed** hairs. Leaves usually reddish, mostly in a basal **rosette**, 3-15 cm long, 4-25 mm wide, more or less hairless, **dissected** or lobed with 3-6 major projections per side, or rarely **entire** with scalloped to toothed, often wavy, margins. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, more or less lobed, becoming entire, becoming smaller up the stem and grading into **bracts**. Flower **heads** with 12-22 yellow '**petals**', each 9-20 mm long, and yellow centres 5-17 mm in diameter with about 50-90 **florets**. Flower heads below the '**petals**' broadly bell-shaped, surrounded by 12-30 appressed bracts. Flower heads single, rarely two together. Flowering: summer.

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

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Senecio~pectinatus> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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