

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and 'seeds'. Photographer Annmaree Docking, TFN High Camp west of Broadford, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Neil Blair, © 2021 Neil Blair. Published in VICFLORA



Leaves at base of plant. Photographer Neil Blair, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Board

Common name

Common Fireweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and **shrubland.** Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.8 m high. Stems bristly in the lower third, sometimes with a **cottony** overlay, becoming **cobwebby** to hairless higher up. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3-22 cm long, 2-20 mm wide, toothed or **entire**, sometimes lobed with 1 or 2 lobes per side, upper surface sparsely cobwebby and often more or less rough, lower surface more or less cobwebby and often purplish. Uppermost leaves narrow. Flower **heads** 5-9 mm long, narrowly cylindrical, with 0 **petals**, surrounded by 8-13 **appressed bracts**. **Florets** 15-35, scarcely longer than the flower heads. Flower heads in few to many-flowered clusters, often 20-60 flowered. Flowering: spring-autumn.

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~prenanthoides> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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