

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

## Common name

A fireweed

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, and disturbed sites, often on rocky slopes. Widespread. Coastal only north from Jervis Bay.

## Notes

**Annual** or **biennial** herb to about 1 m high. Stems **cobwebby** to more or less hairless. Lower leaves crowded, 4–10 cm long, 5–15 mm wide, margins toothed. Middle leaves **alternating** up the stem, 3–8 cm long, 2–8 mm wide, upper surface cobwebby to more or less rough, lower surface whitish, bristly with tapering hairs ending in long **filaments**, margins **entire** to more or less toothed or lobed with 1 or 2 triangular lobes per side. Uppermost leaves narrow. Flower **heads** 5–7 mm long, narrow-cylindrical, with 0 **petals**, surrounded by 7–13 **appressed bracts**. **Florets** 15–55, about same length as the flower **head**. Flower heads in many-flowered open clusters, often 20–60 per stem. Flowering: most of the year.

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

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