

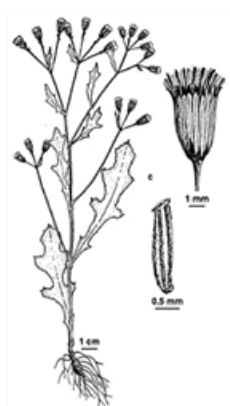
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and seeding head. Photographer Valter Jacinto, Portugal.



Flowering plant. Photographer Jon Sullivan, New Zealand.



Line drawings. c. flowering branch; flower head; seed. T Brosch, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

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Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Woodland, disturbed sites, urban areas, and cultivation. Mainly Sydney area and Canberra-Queanbeyan. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to about 0.5 m high, hairless or with scattered hairs. Plants somewhat fleshy, the bases usually purplish. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, usually 3–10 cm long, 6–20 mm wide, surfaces with scattered, long hairs or rarely hairless, margins **dissected** and coarsely toothed; lower leaves tapered toward the base, upper leaves with broad, stem-clasping bases. Flower **heads** 5–7 mm long, bell-shaped or broadly cylindrical, with 0 **petals**, surrounded by 13–23 **appressed** black-tipped **bracts**. **Florets** 40–70, about as long as the flower heads. Flower heads in congested clusters, usually with about 6–25 flower heads. Flowers most of year.

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

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