

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower cluster. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Blue Mountains



Flower cluster and leafy stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Blue Mountains

Common name

Goldenrod, Late Goldenrod

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Wasteland, roadsides, and along streams. Coastal north of Nowra. Blue Mountains.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 2 m high, with creeping **rhizomes**. Stem hairy with short hairs, or rough, sometimes almost hairless near the base. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, basal leaves often withered at flowering. Stem leaves 2–17 cm long, 4–25 mm wide, tips gradually tapering to a point, margins **entire** to toothed, upper surface densely rough, lower surface more or less hairy or rough. Flower **heads** 5–6 mm in diameter with 5–17 yellow '**petals**', each 1–2 mm long, and yellow centres with 2–9 **florets**. Flower heads below the '**petals**' 5–6 mm in diameter. Flower heads in many-flowered branched clusters 5–25 cm long, usually with 100 to more than 1000 flower heads. Flowers autumn.

PlantNET description: <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Solidago~altissima+subsp.~altissima> (accessed 22 March 2021)

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