

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, south of Bermagui



Flowering and seeding stems. Photographer Jackie Miles



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Common name

Native sowthistle

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

In temporarily wet ground, and the margins of lakes and streams. Coastal. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Annual, biennial, or perennial herb, to 1.7 m tall. Stems hairless. Leaves soft to mildly papery, hairless, sometimes **glaucous**, margins **toothed** to lobed or **dissected**, and not spiny. Basal leaves 5-30 cm long, 10-50 mm wide, tips **mucronate**, in a **rosette**. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, 10-40 cm long, 20-60 mm wide, upper leaves with strongly stem-clasping rounded basal lobes, tips pointed. Flower **heads** with 100-200 yellow '**petals**' each 4-5 mm long. Flower heads behind the '**petals**' 10-15 mm long, 10-20 mm in diameter. Flower heads in open clusters. Flowers most of the year.

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=Sonchus-hydrophilus> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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