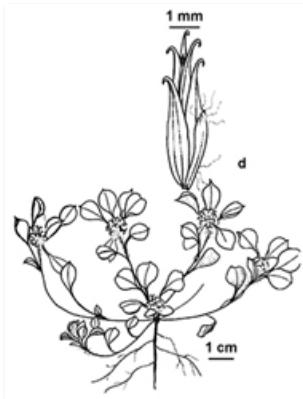


# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Line drawings. d. plant; flower head. E.Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Hooked cudweed, Prickly cudweed

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, and rocky hillsides. ACT. Tablelands between the Hume Highway and the Queanbeyan district. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Annual** herb to 0.2 m tall or **prostrate**. Stems hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, or reduced to a cluster or **whorl** under and within the flower **heads**, 0.5-2 cm long, 2.5-12 mm wide, leaf **blades** round or almost round, upper surface green and sparsely hairy, lower surface hairy, margins flat or barely wavy, tips blunt, often with an abrupt flexible point. Upper leaves stem clasping. Flower heads with 5-6 yellowish **florets**, 0 **petals**, in spherical or oval to hemispherical stemless clusters of about 5-35 heads (that look like single flower heads) about 4-12 mm in diameter. Tips of the **bracts appressed** to the flower heads have rigid pale yellow hooked points extending from the **midrib**. Flowers Winter to Spring.

VICFLORA describes the clusters of flower heads as **compound** heads. (accessed 30 January 2021)

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description with line drawings, photos, and description of dried plants: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Stuartina-hamata> (accessed 30 January 2021)

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