

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Ezhuttukari, India

## Common name

Marigold

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Occasionally **naturalised**, often from garden waste, or persisting after abandoned plantings. Sydney area. Canberra.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to 1.2 m high. Stems hairless. Leaves strongly aromatic, opposite each other or **alternating** up the stems, 3–25 cm long, **compound**, with 9–25 leaflets each 1.5–5 cm long and 3–12 mm wide, more or less hairless, sticky, margins toothed, tips pointed. Flower **heads** yellow, orange or red-brown, occasionally white, 40–60 mm in diameter, with 3–100 '**petals**', cylindrical to bell-shaped below the '**petals**'. 10–120 yellow or orange **florets** in the centre of the flower **head**. **Bracts** surrounding the flower heads 5–8, fused into a tube except near the tips. Flowers throughout the year.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/1b10bc7c-9e58-49a6-b0f5-4c2d15e26502> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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