

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowers. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Wonboyn Lake Resort south of Eden

Common name

Twiggy mullein, Green mullein

Family

Scrophulariaceae

Where found

Paddocks, disturbed sites, gardens, and roadsides. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced biennial herb to 2 m tall. Stem hairy to sticky hairy. Leaves form a **rosette** in the first year; and a single leafy stem, **alternating** up the stem, crowned by the **inflorescence**, in the second year. Basal leaves 8-30 cm long, 30-100 mm wide, hairy, sometimes sticky, margins toothed and often wavy. Upper leaves smaller, bases stem clasping. Flowers 30-40 mm in diameter, yellow with a purple centre, with a short tube and 5 unequal lobes, in clusters of 1-6, forming an open **spike** 30-80 cm long up the stem. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Verbascum-virgatum> (accessed 8 February, 2021)

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