

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



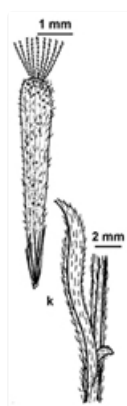
Flowering stems (var. *cuneata*). Photographer Don Wood, Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve, ACT



Flowers and seed head (var. *cuneata*). Photographer Don Wood, Mbogo State Forest north of Moruya



Flowering plant (var. *cuneata*). Photographer Giorgio de Nola, Melbourne, Vic



Line drawings (var. *cuneata*). k. leaves; seed. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Fuzzweed, New Holland daisy

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Var. *cuneata*: Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, and disturbed sites. Widespread.

Var. *hirsuta*: Woodland. Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Annual** or **perennial** herb or subshrub to 0.4m tall. Stems bristly or hairy, more or less sticky hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5-4 cm long, 1-7 mm wide, folded lengthwise or V-shaped in cross section, hairy, sometimes rough, sometimes sticky, margins **entire**, toothed, or lobed, tips often blunt, margins curved down, tips often with a small abrupt point. Hairs on the stems and leaves stiff and **appressed** or loose and **spreading**. Flower **heads** with many white, pale blue, mauve, or violet '**petals**' 2.5–3.5 mm long, and yellow centres. Flower heads below the '**petals**' 5-9 mm in diameter, bell-shaped to oval. Flowers all year.

**Var. cuneata**: Hairs on the stems sharp, stiff, and appressed or spreading, or loose and spreading. Leaves rough with stiff and appressed hairs, and often folded lengthwise, often 3-lobed or with a pair of sharp teeth near the tips. Hairs on the **bracts** appressed to the flower heads similar to those on the stems, and with minute **glandular** hairs.

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**Var. hirsuta**: Hairs on the leaves and stems loose and spreading, never stiff and appressed. Plants hairy with slender hairs whose bases are strikingly at about 90 degrees from the stem and leaf surfaces, glandular hairs not visible. Bracts appressed to the flower heads with numerous but not dense hairs, glandular hairs minute or absent

Definite identification of most species of *Vittadinia* depends on microscopic examination of the seeds.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?>

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