

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem (var. *hispidula*). Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Flowering stems (var. *setosa*). Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, WSW of Blackall, Qld

Common name

A Fuzzweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, roadsides, stony slopes, and behind beaches. Coast and ranges, north from Wadbilliga National Park.

Var. *hispidula*: Coast and ranges north from Wadbilliga National Park.

Var. *setosa*: Coast and ranges north of Mogo.

Notes

Annual herb to about 0.3 m tall. Stems bristly, with a few **glandular** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1-6 cm long, to 10 mm wide, margins sometimes 3-toothed and lobed towards the tip, tips blunt and with a minute abrupt point. Flower **heads** with white to purple '**petals**' and yellow centres. Flower heads 6–7 mm long, bell-shaped to globular behind the 'petals'. Flower heads in open clusters. Flowering: most of year.

Var. hispidula: Minute glandular hairs on the outer faces of the **bracts appressed** to the flower heads; coarser **erect** hairs usually absent.

Var. setosa: Hairs on the bracts appressed to the flower heads vary from numerous to few and sometimes restricted to the midline; glandular hairs usually 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?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Vittadinia-hispidula> (accessed 11 February, 2021)

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