

## *Erigeron sumatrensis* Retz.

### Family:

**Asteraceae**

Retzius, A.J. (1788), *Observationes Botanicae* 5: 28. Type: Indonesia. E. Sumatra, Rev. D. Wennerberg s.n.

### Common name:

Tall Fleabane

### Stem

Erect stemmed herb up to 2 m tall. Stems clothed in pale hairs.

### Leaves

Leaf blades 20-35 x 2.5-3 mm, petioles absent. Surfaces of the leaf blade clothed in hairs.

### Flowers

Flowers borned in terminal panicles of heads. Heads multiflowered, 6-7 mm diam. Outer flowers with a narrow corolla tube to about 4 mm long. Inner flowers (disk flowers) have a calyx of about 24 hairs (pappus) 3-3.5 mm long. Corolla tube about 3.5 mm long, corolla lobes triangular, about 0.5 mm long. Stamens 5, fused to form a tube around the style. Anthers attached about halfway up the tube.

### Fruit

Achenes oblong-elliptic to obovoid, ca. compressed. Pappus composed of mostly 10-30 subcapillary, barbellate bristles, sometimes with an outer series of much shorter bristles

### Seedlings

Features not available.

### Distribution and Ecology

An annual herb native to North America but naturalised in Australia occurring in NEQ, CEQ and southwards throughout southern Australia. Altitudinal range from 4-1500 m. Found in Sclerophyll Forest, Notophyll Vine Forest, Open Eucalyptus and Melaleuca Forest and in various types of woodland and shrubland.

### Natural History & Notes

A weed of cultivated and disturbed ground.

### Synonyms

*Conyza sumatrensis* (Retz.) E.Walker, *Journal of Japanese Botany* 46: 72 (1971).

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