

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Neville Walsh, © 2021  
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## Common name

None

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

Open, grassy **habitats** around treelines (typically *Eucalyptus pauciflora*), either at the true upper limit or on the edge of inverted treelines associated with cold air drainage hollows. Altitude range about 1200–1700 m.

Where *Podolepis laciniata* and *Podolepis robusta* occur near each other, it is usually at lower altitudes than *Podolepis robusta*.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to about 0.7 m high, with multiple shoots arising from the basal **rosette**. Leaves mainly basal. Basal leaves 6–28 cm long, mostly 18–50 mm wide, greyish when young, hairy, usually with short conspicuous strongly wavy hairs, overlain by fine **cobwebby** hairs, the latter usually denser on the lower surface, becoming sparser with age, tips pointed to narrowly blunt. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, often hairier than the basal leaves. Flower **heads** with yellow '**petals**' 14–20 mm long, tips deeply **incised** into 3–5 lobes each about 2–4.5 mm long, (rarely with **secondary** lobing), and yellow centres with many **florets**. Flower heads 30–55 mm in diameter, in loose clusters of 3–17.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Podolepis~laciniata> (accessed 1 April 2021)

Description partly based on Froud, D. (25 February 2015), Description of a new species allied to *Podolepis robusta* (Asteraceae: Gnaphalieae) from the south-eastern Australian Alps. *Muelleria* 33: 62-63, Figs 1a, 2

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