

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla National Park south of Tuross Head



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Brindabella Road, just west of the ACT, NSW



Leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Barfold, Vic

## Common name

Hill Fireweed, Rough Fireweed

## Family

Asteraceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, and disturbed sites. Widespread.

## Notes

**Annual** or short-lived **perennial** herb to 1.5 m high, **simple** or much-branched from a more or less woody base. Stems minutely to densely rough-hairy, hairless higher up the stems. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3.5-15 cm long, 5-35 mm wide, rarely more, lower surface more or less densely covered with hairs ending in long **filaments**, sometimes tinged purple, upper surface rough, the hairs usually short, margins **entire** or lobed to **dissected**, with 2-5 more or less triangular, or occasionally oblong, lobes per side, the lobes more or less toothed, bases with well-developed **auricles**. Flower **heads** cylindrical, 4.5-7.5 mm long, with 0 **petals**, surrounded by 9-13 **appressed** green **bracts**. **Florets** 18-35, scarcely longer than the flower **head**. Flower heads in 50-300 flowered clusters, compact at first and then becoming open. Flowering: spring to autumn.

Hybridisation between *Senecio hispidulus* and either subspecies of *Senecio glomeratus* is likely.

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

PlantNET description: <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Senecio-hispidulus> (accessed 23 April, 2021)

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