

Centipeda cunninghamii



C. cunninghamii. Tasmanian Herbarium Specimen. Scan.

FAMILY: ASTERACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Centipeda cunninghamii* (DC.) A.Braun & Asch

COMMON NAME: Common Sneezeweed

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: Not listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: Rare

Description

Small aromatic perennial herb, c. 20 cm high. **Stems:** rigid, rather stout and erect, hairless or the young growth woolly. **Leaves:** long and narrow, with the broadest part above the middle, or flat and broad at the apex, tapering to the base, mostly toothed, 1-3 cm long, bright green. **Flowerheads:** creamy-green without petals, 4-7 mm diameter, hemispherical, stalkless, arise in the angle between stem and leaf. **Seeds:** more or less club-shaped, 1.5-2.5 mm long. (Description from Cunningham 1992).

Distribution and Habitat

Wetlands all over Australia, except for Queensland. Found in Northern Tasmania near Launceston and King Island.

Key Sites and Populations

Lavinia Nature Reserve, King Island; Trevallyn State Recreation Area; Lower Marsh Forest Reserve; and Abel Tasman Forest Reserve.

Known Reserves

Reserved in Lavinia Nature Reserve on King Island, in the Trevallyn State Recreation Area and the Lower Marsh and Abel Tasman Forest Reserves (RFA 1996).

Ecology and Management

Flowers in spring-autumn.

Further Information

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Distribution

(As per GTSPOT June 2001).

