

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Forest Daisy

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and rocky outcrops. North of Crookwell. Western Slopes, tablelands, and the western edge of the ranges.

Notes

Perennial, possibly **annual**, herb to 0.58 m high, sprawling to weakly **erect**. **Scapes** sticky hairy to almost hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, sometimes basal, uppermost leaves usually paired. Leaves 1.5–13 cm long, 5–25 mm wide, lobed with **linear** lobes to 0.8 cm long, or the margins scalloped, tips blunt. Flower **heads** with 34–47 '**petals**'. '**Petals**' white, mauve to bluish, or pink, 3.5–8.1 mm long. Centres yellow, 3.5–8 mm in diameter. **Bracts appressed** to the flower heads 13–20. Flowering: most of the year.

Definite identification of most species of *Brachyscome* depends on microscopic examination of the seeds.

PlantNET description with line drawings and photo of dried specimen: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Brachyscome~microcarpa> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

Description partly based on: Short, P.S. (2014), A taxonomic review of *Brachyscome* Cass. s.lat. (Asteraceae: Astereae), including description of a new genus, *Roebuckia*, new species and new infraspecific taxa. *Journal of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens* 28: 129–133

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