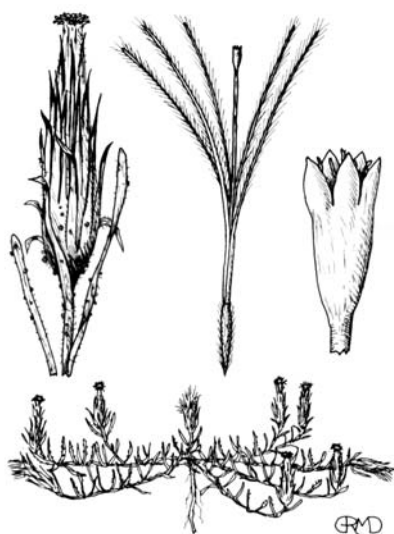


Podotheca angustifolia



Podotheca angustifolia.
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FAMILY: ASTERACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Podotheca angustifolia*,
(Labill.) Less., *Syn. Gen. Comp.* 272 (1832)

COMMON NAME: Sticky longheads

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (*EPBC Act*)
Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (*TSP Act*) presumed
extinct

Description

An annual herb with a slender but woody taproot that is much branched from the base. The branches are creeping or sloping upward (between 5-25 cm long). **Leaves:** The stalkless leaves are narrow-linear in shape and thick. They are arranged alternately along the stem and measure between 2-5 cm long. The tips of the leaves are slender and have small, blunt points. The leaf margins are whole. **Flowers:** The yellow, flowers are arranged at the ends of the main branches. They are narrow cone-shaped and between 2.5-3.5 cm long. The leafy structures surrounding the flowers (bracts) are in many rows. The outermost rows are leaf-like whilst the inner ones are transparent and membrane-like. Flowering is from September to December (Flora of Victoria). **Fruit:** The fruit is a small, dry and leathery structure (achenes) that is borne on a short, slender stalk. The pappus (ring of scales or hairs found on top of fruit) consists of 5, flattened and feather-like hairs that are approximately 3 cm long (description from Cunningham 1992, Curtis 1963). **This species was previously known as *Podosperma angustifolium*.**

Distribution and Habitat

This species occurs throughout temperate Australia. In Tasmania, *Podotheca angustifolia* is presumed extinct and the only known herbarium specimen is from the North-west Coast. Habitat includes dry sclerophyll forest on sandy soils (Curtis 1963, Duncan & Johnson 1995, TPLUC 1996).

Key Sites and Populations

Podotheca angustifolia is presumed extinct in Tasmania.

Known Reserves

This species is not currently known from any reserve.

Ecology and Management

Insects are the most likely pollination vector for this species (A. Hingston pers. comm.).

Conservation Status Assessment

Given that the Tasmanian specimen of *Podotheca angustifolia* was collected in 1978, reassessment may be warranted.

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Tasmanian Distribution

There is no distribution information available for *Podotheca angustifolia*.

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