



Ageratina adenophora

Common Name(s):

Mexican devil

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Lightly shaded frost-free areas, e.g. forest edges, shrublands, wetlands, streamsides, open forest, inshore and offshore islands, gumlands, slips, alluvial flats, coast and estuaries.

Features:

Erect, many-stemmed herb to subshrub to 1-2 m. Perennial fibrous rootstock. Stems often die back in winter, densely covered in stalked sticky hairs, usually purple, becoming woody, with branches in opposite pairs, often with galls formed by parasitic fly. Leaves in opposite pairs, 55-80 x 35-70 mm, diamond-shaped, margins irregularly roundtoothed. Flowers small, white, 5-7 mm diam, in dense terminal clusters, Aug-Dec. Seeds black, 5-angled, 1.8 mm long.

Flowering:

August, September, October,
November, December,
January, February, March.

Fruiting:

Late Summer-
Autumn? (Timmins &
MacKenzie 1995).

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2454



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