



## *Ageratina riparia*

### **Common Name(s):**

mist flower

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Habitat:**

Terrestrial. Humid subtropical and tropical rainforests (W.T. Parsons & E.G. Cuthbertson 2001). In NZ, coastal, lowland (Timmins & MacKenzie 1995). Forest margin, damp banks and streambanks, slips (Timmins & MacKenzie 1995). In Australia, shaded riverbanks, steep south facing hillsides in areas where annual rainfall exceeds 1700mm (W.T. Parsons & E.G. Cuthbertson 2001).

### **Features:**

Erect or sprawling, many-stemmed herb to subshrub to 0.5-1.5 m. Perennial fibrous rootstock. Stems occ die back in winter, covered in purple-striped non-sticky hairs, usually purple, becoming woody, with branches in opposite pairs. Leaves in opposite pairs, 60-100 x 15-25 mm, willow-like, coarsely serrate except near base. Flowers small, white, 4-5 mm diam, in terminal clusters, Aug-Jan. Seeds black, 5-angled, 2 mm long.

### **Flowering:**

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

### **Fruiting:**

June-September (W.T.  
Parsons & E.G.  
Cuthbertson 2001)

### **For more information, visit:**

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=2455](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2455)



**Caption:** *Ageratina riparia*

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