



Ageratum houstonianum

Common Name(s):

blue billy goat weed

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Prefers open sunny spots along forest edges.

Features:

Erect or ascending annual herb, up to 1 m tall somewhat woody toward base. leaves on a short petiole up to 20 mm long. Leaves hairy and glandular especially on lower surface, ovate with crenate-serrate margins up to about 50 x 60 mm. Blue flowers in dense clusters. Seeds sparsely hairy, black up to 1.8 mm long.

Flowering:

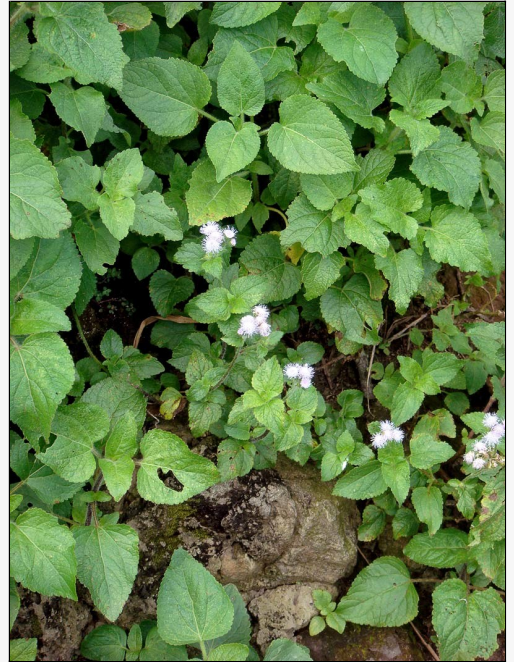
January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

References and further reading:

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). *Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning*. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2456



Caption: South Meyer Island, Kermadec Islands. May 2011.

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