



Eupatorium cannabinum

Common Name(s):

hemp agrimony

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Distribution:

Locally well established in South Taranaki and Wanganui District.

Habitat:

Wetlands and riparian margins of water bodies, particularly areas that are rich in Nitrogen.

Features*:

Perennial herb with a woody rootstock, shoots erect 0.3-2 m, simple or short branched, downy striate. Basal leaves oblanceolate, petiolate; cauline leaves sessile, 3 (-5)-pinnate with elliptic-acuminate toothed pinnae 5-10 cm, short glandular-hairy. Inflorescence a dense terminal corymb, each head with 5-6 reddish-mauve to white florets, 1-2 mm diameter and c. 10 oblong purple-tipped involucral bracts c. 6 mm. Achenes blackish, 5-angled, gland dotted, pappus whitish.

Flowering:

January - March

Fruiting:

Autumn

***Attribution:**

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References and further reading:

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Caption: Flowers of *Eupatorium cannabinum*

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Caption: *Kakaramaea*, Patea. Feb 1999.

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