

Podotheca angustifolia
Commonly: Sticky Longheads
Vascular Plant Family: Asteraceae

Flowers in spring

Podotheca angustifolia Is a sticky, sprawling annual herb to 3cm tall. The tips of the stems are often ascending.



The leaves are scattered, without a stalk up to 9cm long and 7mm wide.



In this photograph some of the outer bracts have been pulled off to show the flowers inside. The individual flowers are tubular and exceed the length of the surrounding bracts. The long white pappus is obvious as is the ovary which occurs below the pappus and flower.



This is photograph of a young fruit which is still enclosed in the flower bracts. With maturity the bracts open out and the seeds are released. The white pappus is visible beyond the bracts.



The hairy fruits are up to 4mm long.



The flower heads are yellow, nearly cylindrical up to 4.5cm long and 1.5cm wide. The bracts surrounding the head are linear with the tips often recurved. The individual flowers only just exceed the bracts.