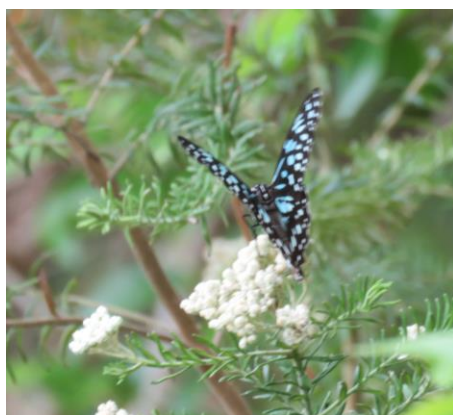
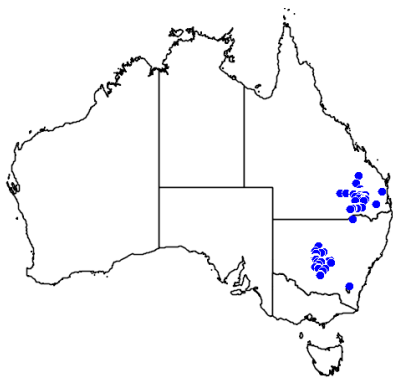


Asteraceae
Ozothamnus diosmifolius
 sago flower

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ETYMOLOGY

(o-zo-THAM-nus) Greek ozo = to smell + thamnus = shrub; The species diosmifolius = foliage like Diosma an African plant;

LIFEFORM

Shrub Height 2-5 m Width 1m

STATUS

Protected Plant National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

OCCURS

Southeast Qld, NSW

HABITAT

Forest margins Rainforest, Open forest

TOLERANCES

Full sun, Drought tolerant

LEAVES

Alternate, 1.2-2.5 cm x 1-2.5 mm, linear with margins rolled backward (revolute) dark to grey-green crowded to end of stems;

FLOWERS

Heads 3-4 mm dense 20-22 flowers, clusters terminal corymb; bisexual with a honey sweet scent; **Flowering Times:** Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan

FRUIT

Achenes, 3mm dry seeds are glabrous & papillosa; the pappus-hairs 1 seeded in heads.

STEM

Much-branched, erect shrub with slightly woolly stems; branches with a short rough tomentum (matted woolly down on surface).

ETHNOBOTANY

Ornamental potential usage in landscaping, cut flower trade, floral arrangement; leaves used in cooking as flavouring (substitute for Rosemary);

NURSERY PLANTS

Hybrid names are Cook's Tall Pink, Redlands Sandra, Cook's Snow White. Propagate from cuttings.

INSECTS

Asterivora lampadias, *Heliothis punctigera*, *Heliothis rubescens*, *Tebenna micalis*

ID FEATURE

Leaves linear, rolled-over edges + Rough to touch above; Smells when crushed;