

****Senecio condylus***

VARIABLE GROUNDSEL

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Flowering period: August–January, depending on extent and duration of rainfall.**Description:** Erect, herbaceous annual herb to 30 cm. Leaves 30–70 mm long, 5–10 mm wide, highly variable in shape from linear to deeply divided somewhat fleshy, more so in exposed, salt-affected areas. Flower heads terminal and in leaf axils with more than 20 flowers per head, often overlapping, 10–12 mm across. Seeds 1.5–2 mm long and released when the flower head dries and withers.**Pollination:** Open pollinated by a wide variety of insects.**Distribution:** Found from Perth to Busselton coastal sands and limestone from frontal dunes to open areas in secondary dunes with a propensity to colonise disturbed sites along roadsides or in dune restoration areas. Native to Europe or South Africa.**Control methods:** By application of glyphosate or manual removal, but the species has wind-dispersed seeds and, without soil stability and native plant cover, will re-establish.**Notes:** Thought to be a native, but new research has revealed that this common species in local dunes in the Perth area is introduced and has naturalised along the coast.



Habit



Flower head



Seeding head



Distribution