

CONYZA SYNOPSIS

- 1 Obvious off-white ligules projecting up to 5mm, phyllaries very narrow and sharply pointed, tapering gradually and then suddenly towards the tip, with just a few bulbous-based spines, dark green with conspicuous pale mid-rib, outer phyllaries c. 1/2 length of inner. Inner phyllaries 8-12 of them across viewed from side. Disc florets with 4 apical teeth. Stems with low density fine bristles, leaves pale yellowish-green, long-stalked, with no more than c.2 lobes/teeth per side, margins with numerous hairs, sticking out at right angles at base and curved forward distally. Inflorescence cylindrical, usually a delicate plant less than 1m high, common waste ground, pavements, gardens, seldom in arable. Usually rather small populations or solitary. Less common than formerly and often growing with *C. sumatrensis*..... **canadensis**

- 2 No projecting ligules, phyllaries wide, strap-shaped and bluntly pointed, conspicuously rounded-keeled, inner only c.5-6 of them across viewed from side, bright green and bulging, with just a few bulbous based spines. Outer c. 1/3 length of inner. Disc florets with 5 apical teeth. Stems with a few low density bristles, deeply grooved, dark green. Leaves numerous of a range of sizes, dark green, rather thick and shiny with up to 5 marginal teeth per side, somewhat crinkled, margins with tiny transparent bulbous-based bristles, sticking out at right angles at base and curved forward distally. Longer, patent, bulbous-based hairs on veins both above and below. Inflorescence dense, leafy, much branched, oval in shape. A coarse, robust plant to 1.5m or more. Rare, waste ground, not yet seen in arable.....**floribunda**

- 3 No projecting ligules, phyllaries tapering towards pointed tip, inner about 8-10 in side view, dark green with pale midrib and wide scarious margins, but not red tinged, densely hairy with bulbous-based hairs. Disc florets eventually tinged with red, with 5 apical teeth. Stems deeply grooved with pale rounded ribs, densely hairy with fine, short, forward-pointing appressed hairs. Leaves bright green with numerous fine transparent forward pointing hairs evenly but not densely spaced on veins and lamina surface above and below. Edges with forward curving hairs, a few patent ones at base. Hairs give plant a grey-green appearance at a distance. Very variable in stature up to 2m high, inflorescence much branched and pyramidal in outline. Overwintering rosettes dark green, shiny with c.3 lobes per side. Now the most widespread and abundant Conyza. Vast populations of 1.5m high plants in arable fallow looking like a crop, also in streets at base of walls and in pavement gaps, gardens and waste ground.....**sumatrensis**

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Conyza canadensis



Conyza floribunda



Conyza sumatrensis