Austroeupatorium inulifolium

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Common name: austroeupatorium (English)

Synonym: Eupatorium inulifolium, Kunth

Similar species

Summary: Austroeupatorium inulifolium is an aggressive species that rapidly colonizes areas cleared for planting new crops, agricultural fields, fallow fields, waste lands and roadsides.

Species Description

Austroeupatorium inulifolium is described as a "Perennial spreading scrambling shrub 1 to 5 m tall. Stems terete, covered with dense short hairs. Leaves opposite, spear-shaped, 7 to 18 cm long, 2.5 to 8 cm wide, pubescent, pale green beneath, abruptly narrowing to a wedge-shaped petiole 0.5 to 3 cm long. Floral heads 2 to 3 mm diam., 5 to 6 mm long, arranged in large terminal corymbs; each head comprising 3 or 4 series of involucral bracts enclosing 10 to 15 creamy white florets with corollas 4 to 5 mm long; flowers fragrant. Achenes oblong, angular, to 1.5 mm long, with a whitish pappus 4 mm long!" (Waterhouse & Mitchell 1998, in PIER 2008).

Habitat Description

Savannas, swamps, forest borders, disturbed areas, 100 to 2100 m (Berry et al. 1997, in PIER 2008). Disturbed forest, plantations and perennial crops, roadsides. Prefers moist conditions. Near sea level to 2000 m altitude (Waterhouse & Mitchell 1998, in PIER 2008). The recent naturalization of the Neotropical Austroeupatorium inulifolium (Kunth) R. M. King & H. Rob. has been observed at 1300 to 1400 meter altitudes in the Central Mountain Range of Taiwan (Hsu Peng & Wang 2006). In Taiwan it can reach two meters tall on open slopes, along road sides or in landslide areas and it is associated with other weedy plants (Hsu Peng & Wang 2006).

Reproduction

Flowering period is between September and January in Taiwan (Hsu Peng & Wang 2006).
General Impacts

*Austroeupatorium inulifolium* is listed as an "agricultural and environmental weed" in the Global Compendium of Weeds (2008). It is a serious weed in the Philippines where it forms very dense thickets in rubber, tea and rosella plantations, upland rice plantations and in clearings in secondary forest (Waterhouse & Mitchell 1998, in PIER 2008).

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**Management information**

*Austroeupatorium inulifolium* (Asteraceae)


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