

## ASTER FAMILY

ASTERACEAE

### Sweet Everlasting. Everlasting. Cudweed.

#### *Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium.*

Found in August and September, in dry fields, and open roadsides.

The stalk grows from 1 to 2 feet in height; it branches near the top, and is leafy all the way, of a stiff fibre, with a woolly surface. The color is green, the wool whitish.

The leaf is long, and narrow, with a strong midrib, and entire, or slightly irregular, margin; the under surface is woolly. In color gray-green, whitish underneath, because of the wool. The arrangement is clasping, and slightly hugging the stalk; alternate.

The tubular flower is small, and gathered into a close tuft; of a dull, light, tawny color, which turns darker with age. The tufted head is held tightly within a deep cup, composed of many shining white sheaths. The heads are set on foot-stems, in groups of 2 to 8, and arranged in terminal clusters.

When the ripened downy seed is ready to fly away, the closely folded little cups open wide. A full pleasant fragrance belongs to the blossoms.

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