

***Emilia sonchifolia* (L)DC. ex wight.**



**Habit:** Herb

**Description:** It is an erect herbaceous plant, 8 to 75 cm high. The leaves are alternate, simple, without petiole, oblanceolate to broadly oval in shape, triangular or spatulate to linear; with cordate base more or less clasping, coarsely and irregularly serrated and have some large lobes. The flowers are pink, purple or purple pink, grouped in elongated heads, themselves arranged at the end of the stems in a large loose inflorescence. The fruits are ribbed, elongated, topped with white bristles.

**Taxonomy:**

<b>Kingdom</b>	Plantae
<b>Division</b>	Tracheophyta
<b>Class</b>	Angiosperm
<b>Order</b>	Asterales
<b>Family</b>	Asteraceae
<b>Genus</b>	Emilia
<b>Species</b>	<b><i>Emilia sonchifolia</i> (L)DC. ex wight.</b>

**Uses:** *Emilia sonchifolia* is an edible plant used in the ayurvedic system of medicine for the treatment of gastropathy, diarrhea, ophthalmia, nyctolpia, cuts and wounds, intermittent fevers, pharyngodynia, and asthma.

**Reference:** Indian Biodiversity Portal, NCBI