

## *Vernonia cinerea* (L.) Less



**Habit:** Herb

**Description:** Annuals or perennial herbs, stem ribbed, smooth or puberulous. Leaves variable, 2-8 x 1-3 cm, ovate, acute at both ends, thinly hairy below; petiole 1-2 cm long, slender. Heads 5 x 3 mm, in terminal corymbose cymes, peduncled; outer bracts minute, inner oblong, acute, cuspidate, hairy. Flowers 5-10, similar; corolla 3 mm long, glabrous. Achenes 1.5 mm long, hairy; outer pappus 1 mm long, setaceous, inner 3 mm long.

**Taxonomy:**

<b>Kingdom</b>	Plantae
<b>Division</b>	Tracheophyta
<b>Class</b>	Magnoliopsida
<b>Order</b>	Asterales
<b>Family</b>	Asteraceae
<b>Genus</b>	Vernonia
<b>Species</b>	<i>Vernonia cinerea</i> (L.) Less

**Uses:** It is used for the treatment of inflammation, diarrhea, cough, smoking cessation, asthma, Parkinson's disease and leprosy.

**Reference:** Indian Biodiversity Portal, NCBI