

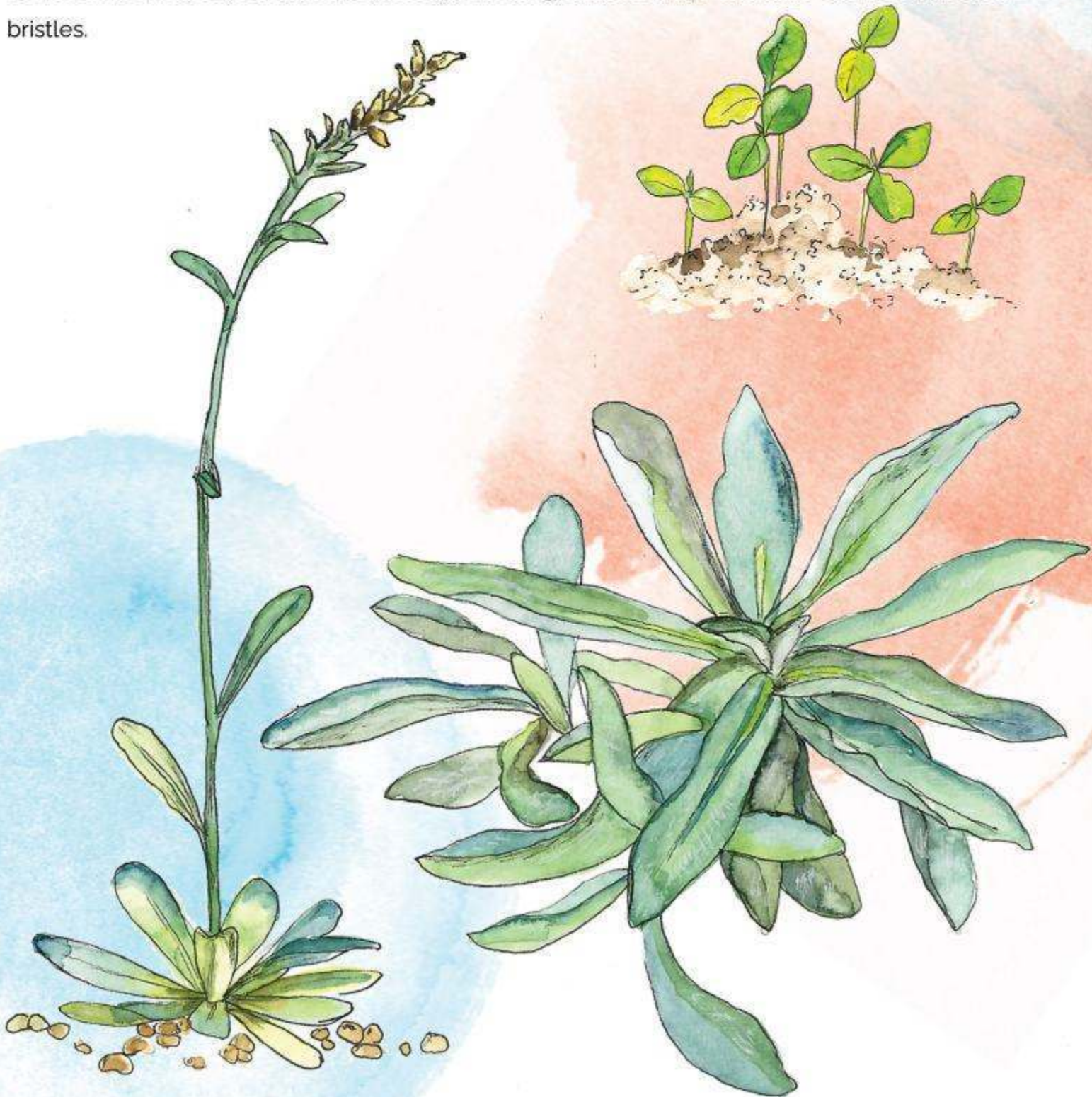
SPECIES: *GAMOCHAETA PURPUREA*

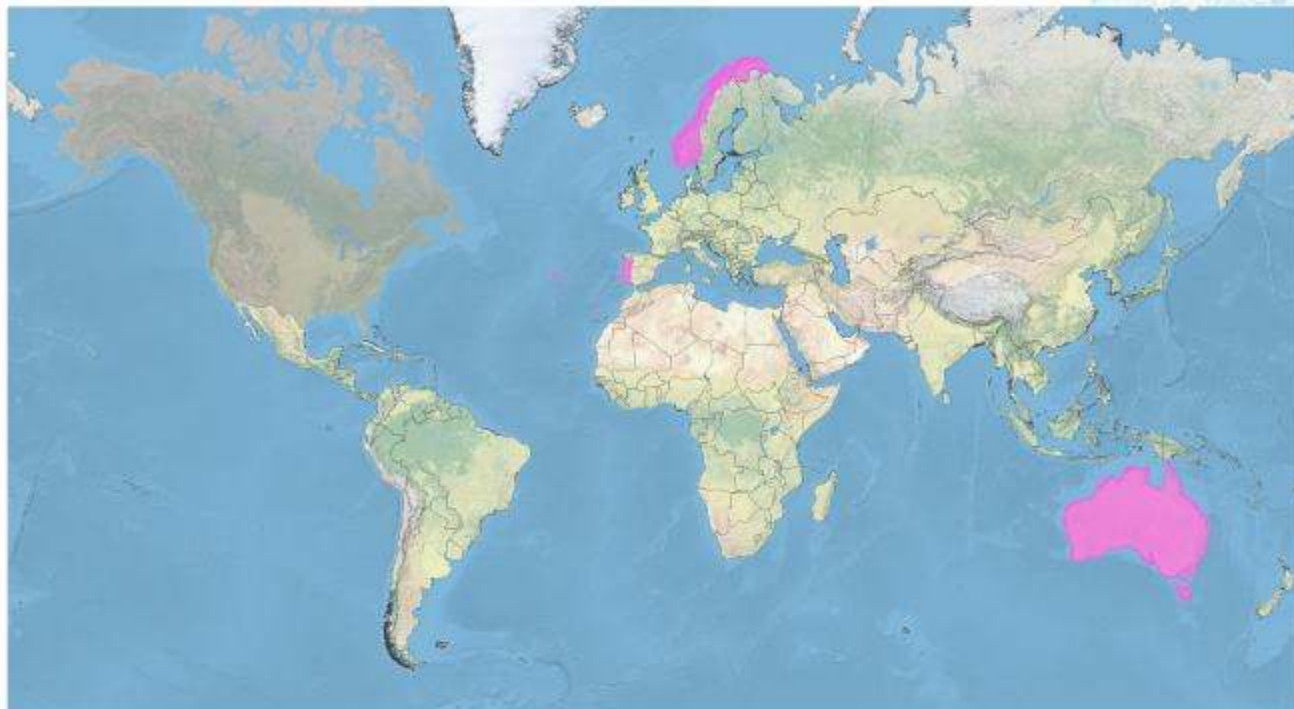
COMMON NAME: PURPLE CUDWEED

FAMILY: ASTERACEAE

Plant Description

It is an annual or biennial herb that can grow to a height of 10-45 cm. The plant has an erect main stem and a basal rosette of leaves. It may produce lateral stems along the ground. Young stems and leaves are silvery white due to the presence of fine hair-like filaments; these hairs tend to be absent on older stems. Leaves are ovate, narrower at the base and rounded at the apex. It produces pale yellow flowers and small ellipsoidal fruits (about 5 mm long) that are white and have short, stiff hooked bristles.





CABI, 2022. *Gamochaeta purpurea*. In: Invasive Species Compendium. Wallingford, UK: CAB International. <https://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/114499#toDistributionMaps> [accessed: 25/01/2022]

Introduced
Native
Origin not recorded

Note: Although not depicted on this map, the plant is considered invasive in India

***Gamochaeta purpurea* (Also known as *Gnaphalium purpureum*) ASTERACEAE**

Origin: North America

Introduction: No solid information is available regarding its introduction to India.

Impacts: The weedy nature of the plant helps it grow aggressively in invaded habitats, suppressing the diversity of native plants.

Management: No effective management methods are known.

