

*Pseudognaphalium stramineum* (Kunth) Anderb., COTTON-BATTING PLANT. Annual, taprooted, rosetted, several-stemmed at base, basal stems typically radiating from the lowermost nodes, in range decumbent to erect, 30–60(–80) cm tall; shoots loosely gray-tomentose, lacking glandular hairs, unscented. **Stems:** cylindric, to 3 mm diameter, with short internodes and sometimes decurrent ridges for 1–2 mm from leaf bases. **Leaves:** helically alternate, simple, sessile, without stipules; blade narrowly oblanceolate or subspatulate (basal and lower cauline leaves) to oblong (upper cauline leaves), 20–80(–95) × 2–5(–10) mm, cauline leaves narrowly lanceolate to linear and smaller, somewhat clasping at base, entire and sometimes wavy on margins, margins flat (basal leaves) to partially inrolled under (revolute, cauline leaves), rounded (basal leaves) to obtuse or acuminate (cauline leaves) at tip, pinnately veined with raised midrib on lower surface (obscured by wool), upper surface grayish green, loosely tomentose, lower surface more densely hairy. **Inflorescence:** heads, in terminal, dense, ± flat-topped to paniclelike arrays of hemispheric to spheric clusters, clusters (10–)15–20 mm across, of 5–35 heads, by first anthesis arrays projecting well beyond the uppermost cauline leaves, head disciform, 170–220-flowered, pistillate peripheral flowers 160–200 with (8–)18–28 bisexual central flowers, bracteate, densely white-woolly; inflorescence axes densely white-woolly, especially approaching head cluster,

Native. Annual probably collected once in range, but for which living material was not available to compose a detailed description of flowers and fruits. *Pseudognaphalium stramineum* was formerly treated as *Gnaphalium chilense*.

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