



The inflorescences are heads held in an open panicle. Each head has up to 35 narrow, fertile, yellow ray florets ('petals') and numerous sterile disc florets. The head is subtended by 2 whorls of large, somewhat triangular bracts.



The opposite leaves are sessile and fused around the stem, forming a 'cup' that can hold water. Leaf margins are coarsely and irregularly toothed.



Stem is square.



The fruits is a large, flat cypsela with a winged appearance (edge of wing seen at arrow).



The plant has a very upright form and can grow 8-10 feet tall.

