

*Ageratum houstonianum* Mill. (Asteraceae)

**General shape:** Sharply 5-sided oblong.

**Normal size:**

1.5-2 mm L x 0.2-0.5 mm W x 0.1 mm D

**Color:** Black or grey.

**Texture:** Longitudinal ribs with fine reticulations. Surface scattered with sparse, coarse hairs.

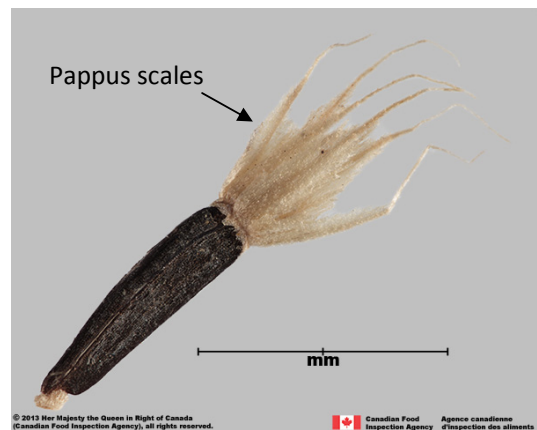
**Distinguishing features.** Base white, angled and enlarged. 5 or 6 wide, fringed chaffy pappus scales.

**Embryo:** Embryo with well-developed cotyledons and a broad stalk having a truncate top, no endosperm.

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*Ageratum houstonianum* achenes with and without pappus scales



*Ageratum houstonianum* achene with pappus scales

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