

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, White Elephant Reserve, Vic



Stem with young seeds. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer AN Schmidt-Lebuhn, Koorawatha Nature Reserve south west of Cowra.



Seeding plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Woodstock Nature Reserve, ACT

Common name

Sheep's burr

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy sites, and roadsides. Western Slopes, Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, tablelands, and ranges. Coastal south of Moruya.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.7 m tall. 'Seeds' with many hooked spines, which stick to clothing. Stems hairless or sparsely **appressed** hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, mostly 0.8-1.5 cm long, with 9-25 leaflets, the longest 1-2.3 cm long, 3-13 mm wide, margins deeply lobed or toothed, and flat or curved down, upper surface hairless or sparsely hairy, lower surface hairless except along the **main vein** and margins. Flowers small, with 4-6 **sepals** and 0 **petals**, and dark purple **stamens**. Flowers and 'seeds' in long interrupted **spikes**.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Subspecies as described in PlantNET are not recognised by the Council of **Heads** of Australasian Herbaria (accessed 20 April 2021).

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acaena~echinata> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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