

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, near Steiglitz, Vic



Seeding stems. Photographer Don Wood, Corin Road, ACT

Common name

Bidgee-widgee, Biddy biddy

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy sites, moist weedy areas, gullies, and roadsides. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb, creeping, to 0.30 m tall, **stoloniferous**. 'Seeds' with many hooked spines, which stick to clothing. Stems densely to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **compound**, 2–11 cm long, with 7–11 leaflets, the largest leaflets 0.8–2 cm long, 5–10 mm wide, upper surface shiny green and hairless or sparsely hairy, lower surface **glaucous** and densely to sparsely hairy with **appressed** hairs; margins toothed and curved down. **rachis** often red. Flowers in globular **heads** 4–15 mm in diameter, with many small flowers, each with 4 **sepals** and 0 **petals**. **Stamens** creamy white. **Styles** white, turning purple. Seeding **head** 20–40 mm in diameter, reddish.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acaena~novae-zelandiae> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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