

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Kororoit Creek, Vic



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld

## Common name

Lesser joyweed

## Family

Amaranthaceae

## Where found

Variety of **habitats**, more common in damp or swampy areas, often among boulders. Widespread.

## Notes

**Annual** herb, **prostrate** or to 0.5 m tall. Stems more or less hairless, with 2 longitudinal lines of hairs. Leaves opposite each other, 2-7 cm long, 1.5-8 mm wide, hairless or sparsely hairy, margins **entire** to finely toothed. Flowers whitish or pinkish, with 5 '**petals**' 2-3.5 mm long, in chaffy globular to oblong **heads** 4-8 mm wide, the heads sometimes clustered. Flowers all year, mainly Spring to Summer.

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=Alternanthera-denticulata> (accessed 22 April 2021)

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