

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Cowra



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



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Common name

Plains joyweed

Family

Amaranthaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, disturbed sites, and near water. Mainly in the ACT. Sporadic on the tablelands and Western Slopes, and in the Sydney region.

Notes

Prostrate perennial herb to 0.05 m high. Stems to about 15 cm long, sparsely hairy. Leaves opposite each other, 0.5-5 cm long, 2-8 mm wide, almost hairless, margins sometimes with minute teeth. Flowers 2-8 mm long, white to creamy yellow or pinkish, with 5 chaffy '**petals**', in globular to oval **heads** to 10 mm long and 5 mm wide. Heads often clustered. Flowers mostly Nov-Jan in the ACT.

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

Full name is *Alternanthera* sp. A Flora of NSW (M.Gray 5187) J. Palmer

***Alternanthera* sp. 1** in VICFLORA.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Alternanthera~sp.+A+Flora+of+New+South+Wales+%28M.Gray+5187%29> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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