

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



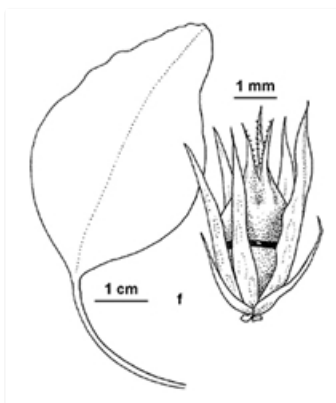
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Common name

Powell's amaranth

Family

Amaranthaceae

Where found

Weed of gardens, crops and wasteland. Widespread, mostly in Canberra and the Sydney area.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 1.3 m high, sometimes sprawling. Stems angled or grooved, hairless to sparsely hairy, sometimes reddish. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–10 cm long, 6–50 mm wide, margins **entire**, tips pointed. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers green, with 3–5 '**petals**' each 2.5–3 mm long, longest **bracts** below the flowers 4–6 mm long. Flowers in many-flowered cylindrical **spikes** at the tops of the stems.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Amaranthus-powellii> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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