

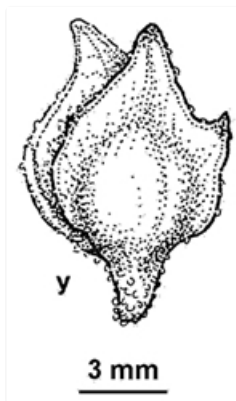
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and seeding stems. Photographer Russell Best, Mallicoata, Vic



Stems with seed cases. Photographer Don Wood, Broulee beach



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Common name

Grey saltbush, Coast saltbush

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Beaches, coastal dunes, and salty areas near the sea.

Notes

Shrub to about 1.8 m high. The whole plant **mealy**, grey or silvery to grey-green. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1.5 to about 10 cm long, 8–25 mm wide, broadly lance **head** shaped to oblong, margins **entire**, rarely coarsely toothed. Male and female flowers on different plants or on the same plant, small. Male flowers with 5 '**petals**', lacking **bracteoles**. Female flowers usually with 0 '**petals**', but **subtended** by a pair of bracteoles, fused near the base, which enlarge and cover the seed case at maturity. Male flowers in dense globular clusters commonly continuous along **simple** or branched **spikes**. Female flowers clustered at the base of the upper leaves.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&vl=sp&name=Atriplex~cinerea> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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