

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, ACT



Leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, ACT



Line drawing in Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. *An illustrated flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions*. Vol. 2: 18.

## Common name

Orache, Hastate orache

## Family

Chenopodiaceae

## Where found

Along streams, seasonally or permanently wet sites, and moist salty sites. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to 0.8 m tall or sprawling to **prostrate**. Stems grooved and often red at the **nodes**. Lower leaves opposite each other, 1.5-8 cm long, 10–60 mm wide, with pointed basal lobes, or the leaves triangular. Upper leaves **alternating** along the stems, triangular to oval, bases tapered, margins **entire**, decreasing in size towards the tips of the stems. Leaves **scurfy** to hairless, margins entire to sparsely toothed. Male and female flowers 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, which enlarge and cover the seed case at maturity. Flowers in mixed clusters along the stems.

PlantNET description and line drawing of seed case: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Atriplex~prostrata> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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