

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



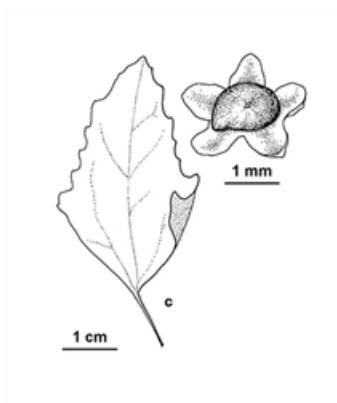
Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, near Namadgi National Park Visitor Centre, ACT



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Uladulla



Fruiting stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. c. leaf; seed case. M.Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Fat hen, White goosefoot

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, disturbed sites, along streams, and coastal lake margins. Widespread, mainly Sydney area and Canberra.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 2.5 m tall. Stems more or less **mealy**, often grooved. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, about 2-10 cm long, 5-50 mm wide, both surfaces with mealy **scales**, margins **entire**, toothed, **incised**, or irregularly lobed. Flowers tiny (less than 3 mm in diameter), usually bisexual and female, the **terminal** flower of each part cluster bisexual; **lateral** flowers female. Flowers with 5 '**petals**' fused in the lower half, green or greyish, in small clusters, the clusters distinct or continuous. Flowers mainly Summer to Autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Chenopodium~album> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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