

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



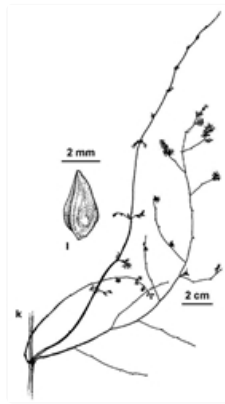
Female flowers. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Male flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, Point Cook, Vic



Shrub. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Line drawings (as *Muehlenbeckia florulenta*). k. flowering branch; l. nut. MIMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board.

## Common name

Lignum

## Family

Polygonaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and seasonally flooded low-lying areas. Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m tall. Branches and branchlets often ending in a spine. Stems **striate**, hairless. Leaves lost early, **alternating** up the stems, 1-7 cm long, 2-10 mm wide, hairless, tips pointed. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers cream to yellow-green, often reddish-tinged, with 5 '**petals**' 2-4 mm long, fused in the lower half. Flowers single or in dense clusters to 12 cm long. Flowers mainly Oct.-Mar.

Was *Muehlenbeckia florulenta*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Duma~florulenta> (accessed 9 January, 2021)

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