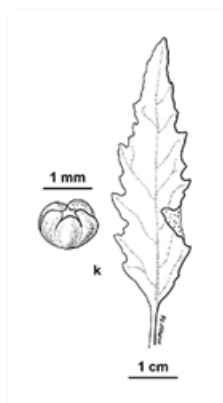


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and seeding stems. Photographer Don Wood, Boyne State Forest north of Batemans Bay



Line drawings (as *Chenopodium ambrosioides*). k, leaf; seed case. MIMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Mexican Tea, Wormseed

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Disturbed sites. Coastal north from Jervis Bay. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual or **perennial** herb to 1 m tall. Stems grooved, with short hairs, or hairless. Leaves highly aromatic, smelling of crushed ants or like turpentine, **alternating** up the stems, 3-20 cm long, 10-50 mm wide, upper surface hairless, lower surface covered in yellow **glandular** hairs or resin dots, margins lobed or toothed, tips pointed. Flowers small, green, single or in small clusters, in leafy or virtually leafless branched clusters to 40 cm long. The topmost flowers of the cluster bisexual, 1-1.5 mm in diameter, with 5 green '**petals**' fused at the base. **Lateral** flowers female, 0.5-1 mm in diameter, with 5 green '**petals**' fused for almost their **entire** length and enclosing the ripe seed. Flowers Summer to Autumn.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Dysphania~ambrosioides> (accessed 12 January, 2019)

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