

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Plant. Photographer Mark Marathon, unknown place

## Common name

Black Crumbweed

## Family

Chenopodiaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and disturbed sites. Sydney area. Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Annual** herb, **prostrate** or sometimes to 0.8 m tall, covered in **glandular** or other hairs. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** along the stems, to about 3 cm long, sticky-hairy, margins **entire** to toothed or lobed, and flat or wavy. Flowers bisexual or female, usually black or dark brown but sometimes light-coloured, about 1.5 mm in diameter, with 5 '**petals**' fused to about halfway. '**Petals**' with a blunt, hairy, almost triangular **keel** in the upper half, the tops of the **keels** forming a flat plane at the tips of the flowers. Flowers in dense clusters. Seed cases turning black when mature.

Was *Chenopodium melanocarpum*.

PlantNET description with line drawing: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Dysphania~melanocarpa> (accessed 14 April 2021)

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