

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and seeding stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, White Elephant Reserve, Vic



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Paul Hadobas, between Bungendore and Braidwood



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Aranda Bushland, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Common raspwort, Raspweed

Family

Haloragaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **heath**, **shrubland**, grassy areas, and disturbed sites. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.35 m high. Stems cylindrical or weakly 4-ribbed; rough, **appressed** hairy with stiff hairs. Leaves opposite each other, successive pairs at right angles, 0.5–2 cm long, 1–7 mm wide, rough with stiff hairs, margins thickened, toothed. Male and female flowers on different plants or the same plant. Flowers green to dark pink, red, or purplish, with 4 hooded **petals** each 2.4–2.8 mm long. Male flowers about 4–5 mm long, with 8 **stamens**. Female flowers about 2–3 mm long. Flowers in **spike**-like clusters. Flowers Sep.–Jan. Seed cases silver-grey, oval, 1–1.5 mm long, 8-ribbed with 2–3 oblique thickened regions between the ribs. (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Gonocarpus-tetragynus> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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