

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering stems. Photographer Andre Messina, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



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## Common name

Bluish Raspwort

## Family

Haloragaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, and grassland. Seasonally inundated sites, often along streams. Western Slopes.

## Notes

Perennial herb to 0.5 m tall or sprawling, arising annually from a **perennial** rootstock. Rootstock deeply **rhizomatous**. Stems **glaucous**, hairless, or rough with semi-**appressed** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems or nearly opposite each other, 1.5-5 cm long, 2-15 mm wide, glaucous, hairless or almost hairless, sometimes somewhat rough, margins **entire** or toothed or **dissected** and rough, tips blunt. Leaflike **bracts** below the flower clusters 0.5-0.8 cm long. Flowers with 4 hooded green to yellow **petals** each 1.8-3 mm long. Flowers in 1-3 flowered sub-clusters, each **subtended** by a leaf-like **bract**, forming elongated clusters at the tops of the stems. Seed cases 2-2.5 mm long, yellowish to dark reddish-brown, globular to pear-shaped, weakly 4-8-ribbed in the upper part, warty at the base (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Haloragis~glauca> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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