

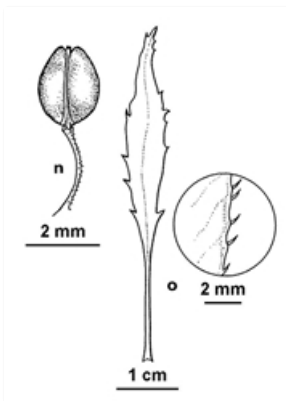
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Seed cases. Photographer Russell Best, near Melbourne, Vic



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, east of Hay



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Common name

Common peppergrass, Rubble peppergrass

Family

Brassicaceae

Where found

Woodland, grassy areas, disturbed sites, and moist places. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced annual, biennial, or perennial herb to 0.7 m tall. Stems smooth, hairless. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, hairless, tips pointed. Basal leaves 2-8 cm long, toothed, sometimes **dissected**. Stem leaves smaller, to 6 cm long, to 5 mm wide, toothed or **entire**. Flowers with 4 **sepals** about 0.8 mm long, and 4 white **petals**, shorter than the sepals. Flowers in an unbranched cluster up the stem which elongates in seed. Flowers most of the year. Seed cases oval, 2-3 mm long, 1.5-2 mm wide, with narrow **wings** in the upper half, tips notched. (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see.) Stalks of seed cases 2-3 mm long, more or less flattened, hairy with fine hairs above, curved.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lepidium-africanum> (accessed 17 January, 2021)

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