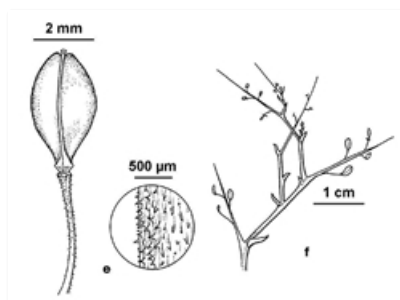


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Spiny Peppergrass

Family

Brassicaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **mallee**, paddocks, and disturbed sites. Western Slopes.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.3 m high. Smaller branches ending in a spine. Stems tangled, hairy. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, hairy with fine hairs. Basal leaves deeply lobed, to 12 cm long; stem leaves becoming smaller in size up the stems, margins toothed to **entire**, bases **auriculate**, tips pointed to narrowly tapering. Flowers small, with 4 **sepals** about 0.7 mm long, and 4 reduced **linear petals**. Flowers in elongated clusters terminating in a spine. Flowers spring to autumn. Seed cases oval to round, 3.5–4.5 mm long, 2.5–3 mm wide, hairless, 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 about 4 mm long, **spreading**, hairy with fine hairs.

Vulnerable Australia. Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

Endangered Vic. Listed in Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act Vic.

NSW Threatened Species profile with photos: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10461> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

PlantNET Description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lepidium~aschersonii> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

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